

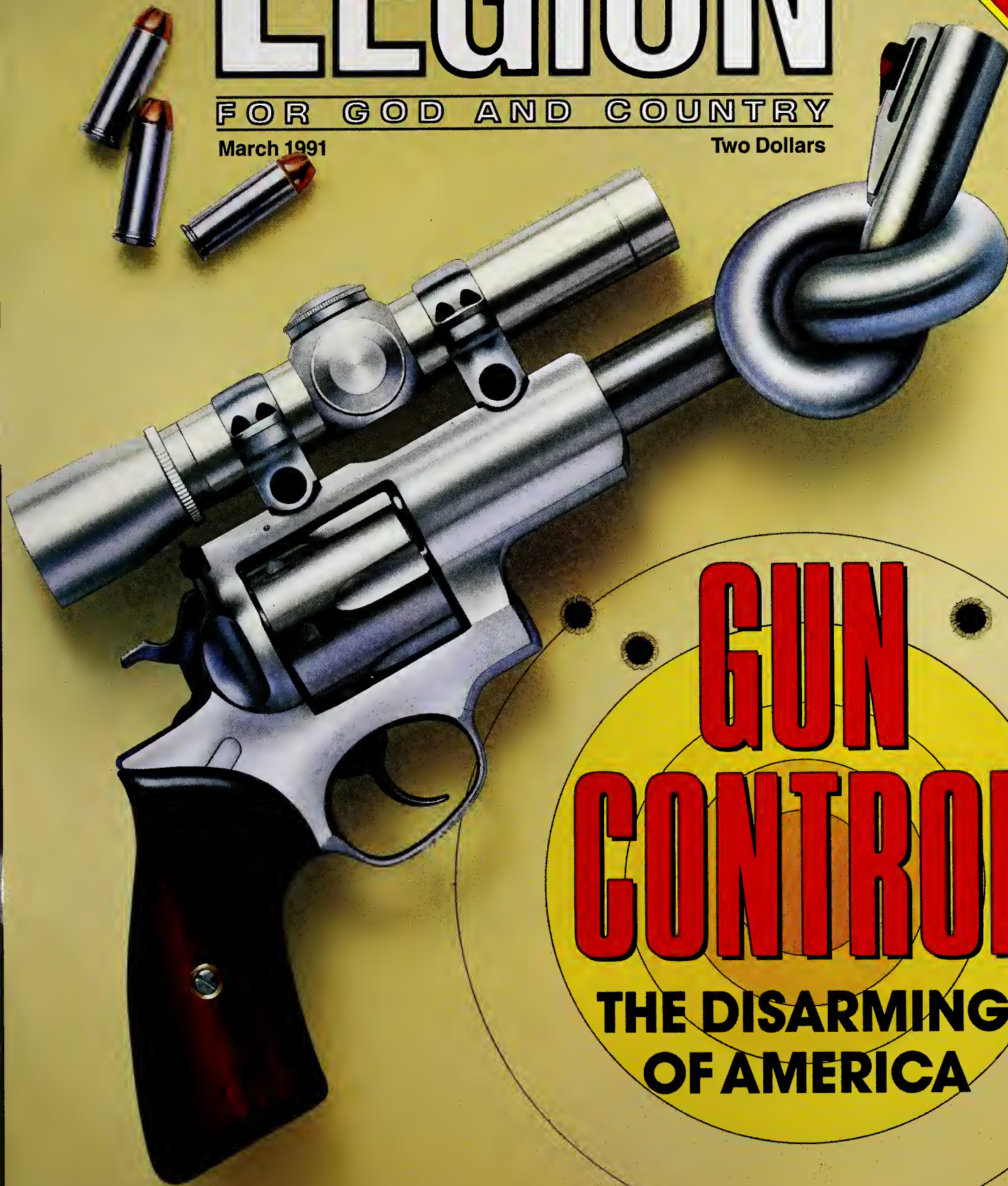
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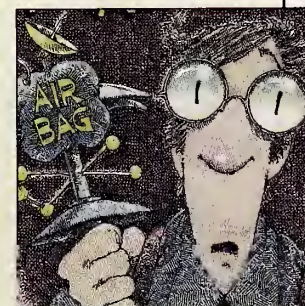
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I was also pleased to see that The American Legion's Family Support Network is working well. As you are well aware, programs such as this make all the difference in the world to the GIs. And I agree with you that "the future of America depends on the commitment of dedicated and patriotic young people such as they..." just as America's present success depended so heavily on people such as those of your organization.

*Gen. Colin L. Powell
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*

You are to be complimented on the "Operation Desert Shield" article. In my opinion, this article is the most informative story that I have read on America's involvement in Desert Shield. The story, the pictures, the map and all the statistics informed the readers exactly "how it is" in Saudi Arabia. I'm proud to have been a Legionnaire for the past 45 years.

*William G. Kruse
Dubuque, Iowa*

Congratulations on your complete coverage of the Desert Shield crisis with photos, facts, maps, details and quotes and portraits of our troops. It was so poignant and memorable that my class added your pictures to our bulletin board on the crisis. They were thrilled to find new troops to write, bringing their total to 125 pen pals. Your edition was a living history book that will be imprinted for this generation of students.

*Jackie Nalbandian
Barnum School, Bridgeport, Conn.*

Draw The Line

I spent 27 years in the Marine Corps and retired with 40 percent disability, so

I am aware of what David Fairbairn (January, Letters) feels, especially as Congress is continually taking away our benefits. I am incensed about this, but we are in hard times and nowhere that I know of is anything written that we must support the widows of disabled veterans. We cannot continue to give and give. Let's start taking away from Congress. It must be a good deal because they spend more getting elected than they make in office. Get them on Social Security and off their special retirement that is never cut, but always increased.

*John M. Du Bois
Escondido, Calif.*

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gress have as much direct stake in the personal lives of Americans as do the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. I remain committed to preserving this strong bond and will continue working to address and resolve the concerns and needs of America's 27 million veterans and their families.

*Rep. Douglas Applegate
18th Dist., Ohio*

No Nukes

I am thoroughly disgusted after reading Bill Harris' "America's Unquenchable Thirst" (January). After reading the article, it seemed Harris' salary had something to do with the nuclear industry. I personally believe there would be more hydroelectric facilities if the power companies could figure a way to include the following on their billing statements: Sorry, but because of an increase in the price of water...

*Stevan R. Parks
Barre, Vt.*

Bork Judgment

I have read the December 1990 interview with Robert Bork ("The Tempting of American Courts"), and I think it would be fair to those of us who do not wish to see such an extremist on the court to have the same interviewer conduct an interview with Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts to allow him to give his views on the matter. I do not believe our magazine should be used as a forum for right-wing extremists of any kind. Because the magazine allows such views, the other party should be allowed to reply to his allegations.

*Alvah B. Bass
Huntsville, Ala.*

The Supreme Court Justice confirmation hearings reminded me of a story: On Sept. 17, 1787, as the Constitutional Convention convened, a Mrs. Powell asked Ben Franklin, "Well, doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"

Franklin replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

The original framers of the Constitu-

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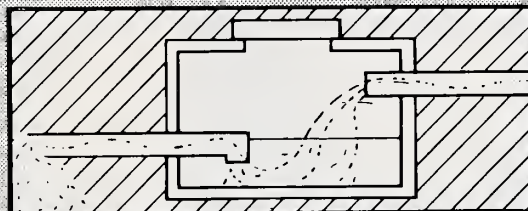
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tion were very mindful of how oppressive central government can be. They were very protective of their state and local governments and were careful to carry forth the rights of individuals. They wrote the Constitution for the primary purpose of limiting the powers of central government. The fight is not just about abortion but the right to govern. My hat is off to Judge Bork and all others like him who fight our battles for us.

Orin F. Schwanke
Leonard, Mo.

Will They Forget?

The youth of our country have been called upon to shed their blood in defense of what our leaders and population believe in. In his Christmas message to the U.S. troops worldwide, President Bush said, "When you come home, you will be welcomed as what you are: All-American heroes."

Our congressmen left no doubt in our minds as to what they think of yesterday's heroes. They voted a 25 percent raise for themselves and felt a nominal 4.5 percent was too much for ex-heroes.

I urge every reader to do as I am doing. Write to his or her congressman asking for a statement of his or her position on this issue, with a curt reminder as to where your voting preference will be next election.

Martin P. O'Sullivan
Cranston, R.I.

Who Benefits?

Haven't we misunderstood the VA budget cut ("Going For Broke" January)? The real danger is that these cuts undermine the VA system's ability to provide medical services. The VA will require more than the planned 300 clerks. Instead of nurses for medical care, Congress increases the clerks and the red tape. These costs appear to swell the size of VA's budget, but clerks and red tape are not veteran's benefits. Hasn't the government taken a thoughtless and mercenary attitude toward veterans? Particularly, since we again face a war which will produce more

wasted human lives? Can a ruined VA care for the veterans of another war? The federal budget must keep the VA medical services viable. We must insist on capable and convenient care for those injured and disabled in our Armed Forces.

John E. Hein
Mays Landing, N.J.

No Compromise

"No Plausible Compromise" by Richard N. Perle (January) was great. Every American should read it, including every politician. The American people should know why we are taking up arms. We all have a responsibility to our country, and we should be proud to serve in the military. Remember, a nuclear projectile can be fired from the Mideast or Europe onto U.S. soil and certain countries would be very happy to sell Iraq nuclear, germ and chemical armaments. Saddam Hussein must be stopped immediately.

Lawrence Nessman
Wayne, N.J.

George Bush, in my view, is a good and intelligent President who has been poorly advised in the Middle East crisis. But in the final analysis, he alone is responsible for assessing the credibility of the advice he receives. If he takes the advice of Richard Perle, he will set in motion large political and economic mudslides that will make Perle's past accomplishments irrelevant historical curios—and Ronald Reagan the last, for a long time, of our two-term Presidents.

Frank W. Creel
Arlington, Va.

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IN THE December issue of *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*, readers were asked to respond to questions by calling The American Legion Opinion Poll Lines, 1-900-321-0101 and 1-900-872-4843. These telephone lines were set up to allow Legionnaires to voice their opinions on issues covered by *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* and to hear opinions of other Legionnaires.

Issues Legionnaires have voted on include the line-item veto, U.S. dependence on foreign oil, and a national health-care system. In addition to leaving their opinions and listening to the opinions of others, Legionnaires, calling The American Legion Opinion Poll Line hear a vote tally that includes their vote. And through the opinion line, Legionnaires' opinions count more than ever because results from the opinion line are shared with Congress.

"Washington is interested in Legionnaires' opinions," said National Legislative Commission Chairman Charles Pessa. "We've already had requests for the results of the opinion line."

In December, The American Legion Opinion Poll Line asked readers: Should Congress give the President line-item veto power? Of the calls, 80 percent voted yes, and 20 percent voted no.

Many of those in the majority said the President should have the line-item veto power to eliminate pork-barrel spending by Congress and to better balance the budget. Some callers said important legislation has failed to pass because of pork-barrel politics. Others said because 43 states have governors with line-item veto power, the President should have it, too. Others who favored the line-item veto suggested that the President should be given the power for a limited time to see if it works.

Of the 20 percent who voted no, many said the line-item veto is not a presidential power included in the Constitution and should not be given because the country has run 200 years without it. Other callers claimed the line-item veto will give too much power to the office of the President. Some in the minority said a line-item veto would become a political tool rather than a budget-balancing measure.

Below are some of the opinions recorded on The American Legion Opinion Poll Line. If you want your opinion on other questions considered for publication in the Opinion section, be sure to leave your name and hometown after your opinion, and press 3 on your Touch-tone telephone.

The questions for this month are: Should English be the official language of the United States? 1-900-321-0101; and Do you believe legislation requiring registration or banning certain types of weapons weakens your Second Amendment rights to own a gun? 1-900-872-4843.

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I agree with some of the other callers. The President ought to have the line-item veto power. It gives him an idea of what will and what won't work in the budget. The President can see where the money needs to be cut.

I think he could start with the staff of congressmen. They ought to be cut to

five or six per congressman. That would save a ton on money. Plus, it's not just the defense of this country that has been getting its ears cut off, and has been for the past 20 years, but a lot of other services such as aid to the poor. The poor are still poor. The President ought to have an idea of where the

money should be spent and should be allowed to eliminate waste from the budget with the line-item veto.

Craig Richardson
Twentynine Palms, Calif.

I feel that it is important for the President to have the line-item veto to control the budget. It's very essential that he be given this right to cut government waste.

Charles Sherrill
Fairborn, Ohio

I think the President should, indeed, have the line-item veto power. Furthermore, I think Congress should only give the President the power for six to eight years. Then at the end of that period, Congress should debate whether to renew or kill such line-item veto power.

William Sidler
Barrington, Ill.

I voted yes for the line-item veto. Anyone who has not read these articles (Big Issues, December 1990) should do so. It should be a tool in the next election. I believe the line-item veto power issue should be put to the voters.

Who wants to spend the kind of money we're spending to let the system change itself? The President is absolutely right to ask for the line-item veto.

Paul Smith
Pasadena, Texas

I'm against the line-item veto power because I don't want a dictator in control. That's what we would have. He would be able to dictate whatever he wanted. That's too much power to give one person over the country.

Walter Newton
Corpus Christi, Texas

I voted yes for the line-item veto power. For years individual legislators or congressional factions have introduced self-serving riders to bills which are otherwise considered to be in presidential favor. The President is frequently forced to accept the garbage to approve legislation that is beneficial to all Americans. And that garbage portion of the bill will inevitably cost us a lot of tax money.

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AS I write this message, 400,000 American men and women are engaged in the early hours of Operation Desert Storm. I, as each of you, am deeply concerned about what has transpired, and sobered by the prospect of the price that will be paid to rid the world of Saddam Hussein's reign of terror and his bloody conquest of Kuwait.

My heart is tinged with pain and some fear because I, as many of you, have friends and relatives who are now fighting in the Mideast. My heart goes out to the families and friends of each of these brave men and women. Those who have seen combat understand the fear and uncertainty gripping both soldier and family.

Yet, my heart is also swelled with pride because we, as a nation, have demonstrated the moral courage to say there are still values and principles judged so dear by civilized people that they are worth risking life, and fighting, to preserve for ourselves and for our children.

In these extremely tense hours, I am reminded of the words of John F. Kennedy concerning the defense of freedom and of those who long for it: "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival of liberty."

Americans have always known that the price of liberty is high, but the price of enslavement is unbearable. And that is what a world united has told Saddam Hussein.

We played the waiting game, hoping that Hussein would come to his senses. Nothing happened. We tried diplomacy, hoping that a just and peaceful resolution would evolve. Nothing happened. We sought to deal with the Iraqis in a face-to-face meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on the eve of a Jan. 15 deadline for withdrawal from Kuwait as pre-



Nat'l Cmdr. Robert S. Turner

scribed by United Nations Resolution 678. And again, nothing happened.

On Jan. 16, Operation Desert Shield exploded into Operation Desert Storm, and the U.S.-led coalition of forces began its assault against strategic points throughout Iraq. The coalition's plan is not to conquer Iraq, but to liberate Kuwait from Hussein's twisted ambitions.

This crisis, too, will pass and will one day be but a footnote in history. The legitimate government of Kuwait will be restored, and its people will be free from foreign oppression again. And when that happens, as it surely will, Legionnaires will be able to take great pride in knowing that they stood tall at a critical moment in world history.

Now we need to roll up our sleeves on the homefront, and do whatever we can to support our troops. I traveled to Saudi Arabia late last fall and met with hundreds of service people. I told them about The American Legion Family Support Network, and about how Legionnaires are reaching out to their loved ones while they serve their country in the Mideast (see related article, page

34). Many service people and civilians have been made aware of this program since December, when I directed that thousands of copies of The American Legion Magazine be sent to the troops participating in Operation Desert Storm.

To those soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines now reading this message, let me assure you that Legionnaires support you and fully appreciate the burden that has been placed on your shoulders. You are America's best, and we are proud of you. Long after these worrisome days have passed, your courage and dedication to your country will be remembered.

We pray for our President, and for each of the men and women engaged in this war. We pray for our Congress and all of our elected leaders that God will grant them wisdom. We pray that this conflict will end quickly, decisively, successfully, and with minimal loss of life. And we also pray for our nation—that what we have done is right in the eyes of God.

Finally, we pray that all of our citizens will now put aside their differences, and unite behind our brave men and women who are bearing the brunt of battle.

The Bible says: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . . A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; . . . A time for war, and a time for peace."

The time for speaking and debating has passed. The time for dissent is over. Now is the time to keep our silence, except in full support of the actions taken by our country, and in full confidence that we will prevail, and will know again—soon—"a time for peace."

Indeed, we are willing to pay any price and bear any burden to assure freedom-loving people everywhere that right is—and must always be—the master of might. God willing, that assurance will come soon. □

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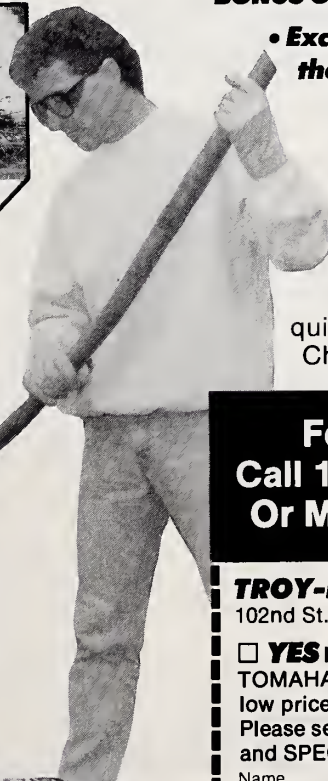
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SHOULD ENGLISH BE MADE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Missouri

There is no denying it: We are a nation of immigrants. We are a diverse lot—with a wide range of peoples, each with individual cultural heritages and traditions. In our diversity and in our assorted and tremendous talents lies a major and undeniable factor of this nation's great strength.

YES



And yet, in this nation of immigrants, this nation of diverse peoples, we do share a common experience that makes us uniquely American and allows us to live among one another in peace. That bond which enables people of different cultural traditions to live and work side by side is rooted in the English language. Those who speak the same language are invariably united in a common identity.

When our parents, grandparents or great-grandparents came to the shores of this great nation in search of peace and freedom, they struggled to possess this powerful tool by mastering this nation's prevailing language. Those who worked to quickly master the English language were provided with the opportunity to achieve. Those who did not bother to learn our tongue put themselves at a severe disadvantage.

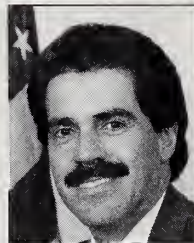
We must keep the tradition of one unifying language alive. We should ensure that all citizens—as well as those who wish to become citizens—learn and understand English. And we should strongly encourage the teaching of other languages or additional languages and the maintenance of native languages. Certainly the study of a foreign language can open doors to new and exciting worlds for young students. On the other hand, if these same students are not proficient in English, the doors of our own country will be closed to them. The emphasis must be on English first.

I have introduced legislation which would declare English to be the official language of the federal government.

What this legislation would do is simply state that all our citizens should know the English language and that there is one language in which all our official business is conducted.

I strongly believe that Americans must use our common language to develop a fundamental and open means of communication to break down artificial language barriers, to explore our many cultures and traditions, and to define our national identity. This legislation would help us achieve these goals. ☐

Rep. Jose E. Serrano, D-New York



NO

Those who champion English-only as our official language are at best foolish, misguided souls who consider themselves superpatriots. At worst, they are racists who are using this issue as an excuse to keep down what they consider unwanted foreign elements in their America.

All Americans, and especially our school children, should become proficient in the English language in order to participate fully in this increasingly complex and competitive society; this is plain common sense. But if they argue that English must be declared an official language to the exclusion of all others, they are dead wrong.

The Founding Fathers rejected the idea of an official language because they fully understood the implications of such an imposition. The effect of this English-only proposal would be to exacerbate what is already a very tense and racially divided situation in this country.

American citizens are unique in that we do not share a common race, religion or ethnicity. We live together as a people, free to celebrate our varied ethnic traditions.

How could a German, Haitian, Dominican or a Korean enjoy the guarantee of pursuit of happiness if English was the only acceptable mode of expression? How many Americans fought and died for this country without ever learning to speak English fluently? History has shown that today's immigrants, like their predecessors, will become tomorrow's "real Americans."

How can English be endangered when it is spoken by 96 percent of the population? Research has shown that minorities overwhelmingly lose their mother tongues by the second or third generation.

Why is having Americans who can speak two or more languages a threat? They are an asset, very much in demand and all too few in number. Educators and business leaders agree that, tragically, all too few Americans are fluent in a second language. Official English laws would be a handicap to the way American government and private industry conduct their business.

Teaching new immigrants English as quickly as possible is a very worthwhile goal. But federal enactment of an official national language is a nonsequitur and would prove to be a deterrent. ☐

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EYE-DENTIFICATION

By Phyllis Zauner

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Say hello to some new high-tech security systems that are expected to revolutionize the way we keep others from learning our secrets.

The technology is called biometrics—the *bio* means living organisms (us)—and it operates on unique physical traits: fingerprints, blood-vessel arrangements in the eye's retina and voice patterns.

Special sensors identify an individual's characteristics from among millions of others, with an error factor that is infinitesimal. If those characteristics, converted into digital codes, don't match what is stored in memory banks, access is denied.

It's virtually foolproof. Unlike keys or passwords, fingerprints and eyeballs can't be lost, stolen or overheard. And that's becoming increasingly important. Magnetic cards and identification badges have proved dangerously inadequate, as evidenced when a fired airline employee allegedly used his badge to board a jet with a gun, apparently causing a crash that killed all aboard.

Eventually, biometrics may affect realms yet unimagined. Some even predict a James Bondish future in which we can start our cars by simply touching the steering wheel.

For the present, use has been focused almost exclusively on identification/access needs that daily become more susceptible to the threat of white-collar technobandits and computer invasion of business and industry records.

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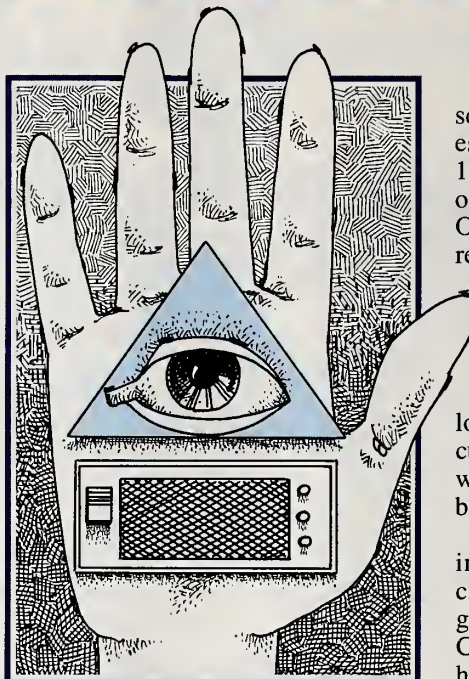


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PALM READERS—Handprints, retina scans and voice patterns are the keys to future security systems.

accelerating biometric use is a federal law, effective in 1992, that requires anyone seeking a commercial driver's license to give some kind of unique identifier, which will probably be biometric. The main target is rogue truck drivers who get licenses in several states and keep driving after a license has been revoked. Four states are now testing retinal scanners and fingerprinting to determine which will be used.

THE most common system so far is the fingerprint scanner, which is so sophisticated it takes less than one minute to digitize 250,000 bits of information and make an identification. It's already used in banks for their deposit-processing rooms, but Randy Fowler, president of Identex, a major manufacturer, believes it will soon be introduced at automatic teller machines to allow customers to withdraw more than the \$200 now permitted by banks which fear fraudulent withdrawals.

Even more incredible is the retinal scanner, which takes only one second to establish identity, with an error factor of 1 million to 1, presently manufactured only by EyeDentify Inc. of Portland, Ore. One day soon you may need a retina scan to get a driver's license.

The web of capillaries that supplies blood to your retina is like a fingerprint; no two people have the same pattern. As you look into the eyepiece, an invisible beam of low-energy infrared light traces a circular path on the retina and compares it with patterns already in the computer base.

The retinal scanner is now used in installations such as the Pentagon's crisis control center, various intelligence headquarters, and at Cape Canaveral. Construction workers' hours can also be confirmed by a retinal scanner time clock system.

Another biometric technique, voice verification, works by creating a digital picture of an individual's vocal tract. Bad colds or even Rich Little can't fool the device. Using it is as easy as saying, "Open sesame." Manufactured by ECCO Industries of Danvers, Mass., voice verification systems have been on the market for more than a year. Typical users are hospitals, which install it in the nursery or pharmacy, and bank safe-deposit departments. But because it uses inexpensive, off-the-shelf microphone equipment, its low price, usually \$1,200 or less, may make it attractive for home use to disarm burglary systems, for instance, or to provide safe door opening for latchkey kids.

The industry is so young that it's hard to say what new system will be developed. The uniqueness of a signature is also being used for physical entry and access control. Even a touch on a typewriter, or a walk can become marketable as unique security devices.

The technology has nowhere to go but forward. Imagine toys, dolls, cars and video games which respond only to the owner's biometric profile. And that's only the beginning. □

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A black and white photograph of Burl Ives, an elderly man with a white beard and a cap, sitting on a three-wheeled electric scooter. He is wearing a patterned jacket and dark pants. The scooter has a basket on the front and a small sign that says "ELECTRIC MOBILITY". The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a fence.

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PUZZLE—Researchers are hoping to develop a vaccine to prevent arthritis.

QUEST FOR THE CURE

Rheumatoid arthritis treatments have helped many, but a cure for the disease is still years away.

By John J. Doria

MORE than 2 million Americans suffer the joint pain and stiffness of rheumatoid arthritis. Many of them don't need anything stronger than aspirin to ease their symptoms. But in most patients the condition becomes chronic and increasingly severe, requiring stronger—and potentially more dangerous—medications.

Until recently, the guiding principle

of arthritis therapy seems to have been: If a drug works on some other disease—any other disease—let's try it and see what happens. Current treatments include steroids, gold, cancer drugs, blood pressure pills and antimalarial agents. These drugs provide some relief, but the disease remains incurable. In fact, 10 percent of rheumatoid arthritis sufferers become completely disabled no matter what they do, some within a few years of onset.

Fortunately, help is on the way. "The speed of developing new knowledge is very rapid now and real breakthroughs can be anticipated," said Dr. Peter E. Lipsky, director of the Harold C. Simmons Arthritis Research Center at Dallas. "A cure is a real possibility."

Scientists are closing in on a cure from a least three angles: preventing the disease from starting, stopping its progress, and strengthening the body's natural defenses.

Two factors cause rheumatoid arthritis, which differs from osteoarthritis, which may result in part from

excessive wear of the joints. "First, there is a genetic element that is inherited and predisposes one to the disease," Lipsky said. "However, not every person who is predisposed actually gets it. Some agent in the environment is required to trigger the disease in genetically susceptible people."

Evidence suggests that an infection may act as the trigger. But how? According to Dr. John B. Winfield, director of the Thurston Arthritis Research Center in Chapel Hill, N.C., the answer may lie with the body's immune response. "The antibodies that our

immune system makes to fight bacteria are directed primarily against substances called stress proteins," he said.

The human body also makes stress proteins, which it uses to help rebuild cells damaged by the infection. Human and bacterial stress proteins are similar—so similar that the immune system can't tell them apart. Winfield theorizes that antibodies attack both indiscriminately, setting off a cascade of events in which white blood cells, antibodies and enzymes attack the body's own tissues, causing joint damage, inflammation and pain.

Researchers are hoping to develop a vaccine against the line of white blood cells that initially recognizes stress proteins. By knocking these cells out of action early, such a vaccine could prevent the disease from progressing—or even starting.

"If you could identify genetically susceptible people and vaccinate them, you could prevent them from ever getting rheumatoid arthritis," Winfield said. "This is technically possible already, but we need more basic research during the next few years to make sure we're going in the right direction."

Although researchers agree that the immune system is involved in rheumatoid arthritis, the role of stress

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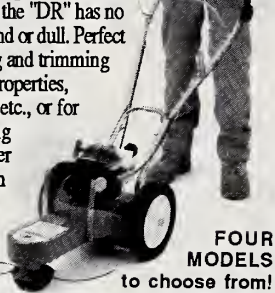
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IF YOU could identify genetically susceptible people in advance, the disease could be prevented, researchers say.

proteins has not been confirmed. Many other agents may be triggers, including various bacteria and viruses. But no single agent has been found that triggers arthritis in everybody.

Consequently, most current research focuses on the factors that encourage inflammation to escalate after the disease has been triggered. According to Dr. Andrew Kang, chairman of the Department of Medicine of the University of Tennessee at Memphis, "There has been a great deal of progress in understanding the mechanism whereby inflammation proceeds and destroys the joints.

Not surprisingly, most new and experimental treatments target various steps in the immune response. One procedure being evaluated is total lymphoid irradiation (TLI). According to Dr. Elaine Lambert of the Stanford University Medical Center, TLI directs radiation to parts of the body where lymph nodes cluster, killing certain white blood cells harbored there. The procedure is risky and is used only with severely ill patients who haven't responded to conventional treatments.

Other promising new therapies include drugs used to suppress the immune system in transplant patients, such as cyclosporine and azathioprine. Some products of biotechnology may also prove useful. These include genetically engineered hormone-like substances and "designer" antibodies aimed at eliminating specific inflammatory pathways.

One of the best sources of anti-arthritis drugs may be the body itself. For example, the role of the nervous system in regulating the inflammatory response is just beginning to be understood. Dr. Jon Levine of the University of California at San Francisco found that a protein-like substance released from nerve endings into joints may

promote inflammation there. Arthritis patients given a nerve blocker to prevent release of the substance had decreased pain and increased strength in affected fingers after 14 days of treatment.

The nervous system also produces substances that suppress inflammation. "Cortisol, a steroid hormone, is the most potent naturally occurring anti-inflammatory agent known," said Dr. Ronald L. Wilder of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases in Bethesda, Md. "It's the body's normal way of controlling and limiting the inflammatory response once it starts." Although cortisol is produced in the adrenal glands located atop the kidneys, its synthesis and release are regulated by a hormone produced by the brain in response to infection or stress.

Wilder and his colleagues studied two different strains of rats, one of which is highly susceptible to developing arthritis, and the other is totally resistant. The susceptible rats don't make cortisol in normal amounts, so they can't turn off the inflammation process once it gets started.

WILDER determined that this deficiency results from a defect in the brain's ability to produce the cortisol-controlling hormone. If a similar mechanism contributes to human arthritis, this would suggest a totally new approach to arthritis therapy. "If you could find a way of restoring the body's normal cortisol response, you could almost cure the disease without the side effects that result when steroids are taken as drugs," Wilder said.

These are only some of the paths scientists are pursuing in the quest to conquer arthritis. But despite impressive progress, it would be misleading to imply that a cure will be developed overnight.

"While our insight into the disease process is getting deeper, the problems in moving from theory to therapy are immense," Wilder said. "We are a long way from the point patients can come in and get a shot to make them well."

Nevertheless, the attainment of the goal has never been so close. □

The Arthritis Foundation provides free information on rheumatoid arthritis, as well as doctor referrals. The address is 1340 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309. The phone number is (404) 872-7100 or (800) 422-1492.

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

What does it mean? Not only the National Rifle Association, but much of the public believes this amendment guarantees law-abiding Americans as individuals the right to keep and bear arms. Of course, the gun controllers and their sympathizers in "enlightened" circles, including the media, either cavalierly dismiss or ridicule the individual rights interpretation of the Second Amendment.

A 1984 political cartoon originating with the *Atlanta Constitution*, shows Benjamin Franklin (who had nothing to do with the Second Amendment) saying to his fellow Founding Fathers, "We'd better say it's for a 'well-regulated militia' or every nut in the country will think he has a right to own a gun." In his 1990 *Parade* cover article, former Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger presented the same argument in a more dignified and authoritative manner. Burger noted "that the need for a state militia was the predicate of the 'right' guaranteed; in short, it was declared 'necessary' in order to have a state military force to protect the security of the state." But things have changed so

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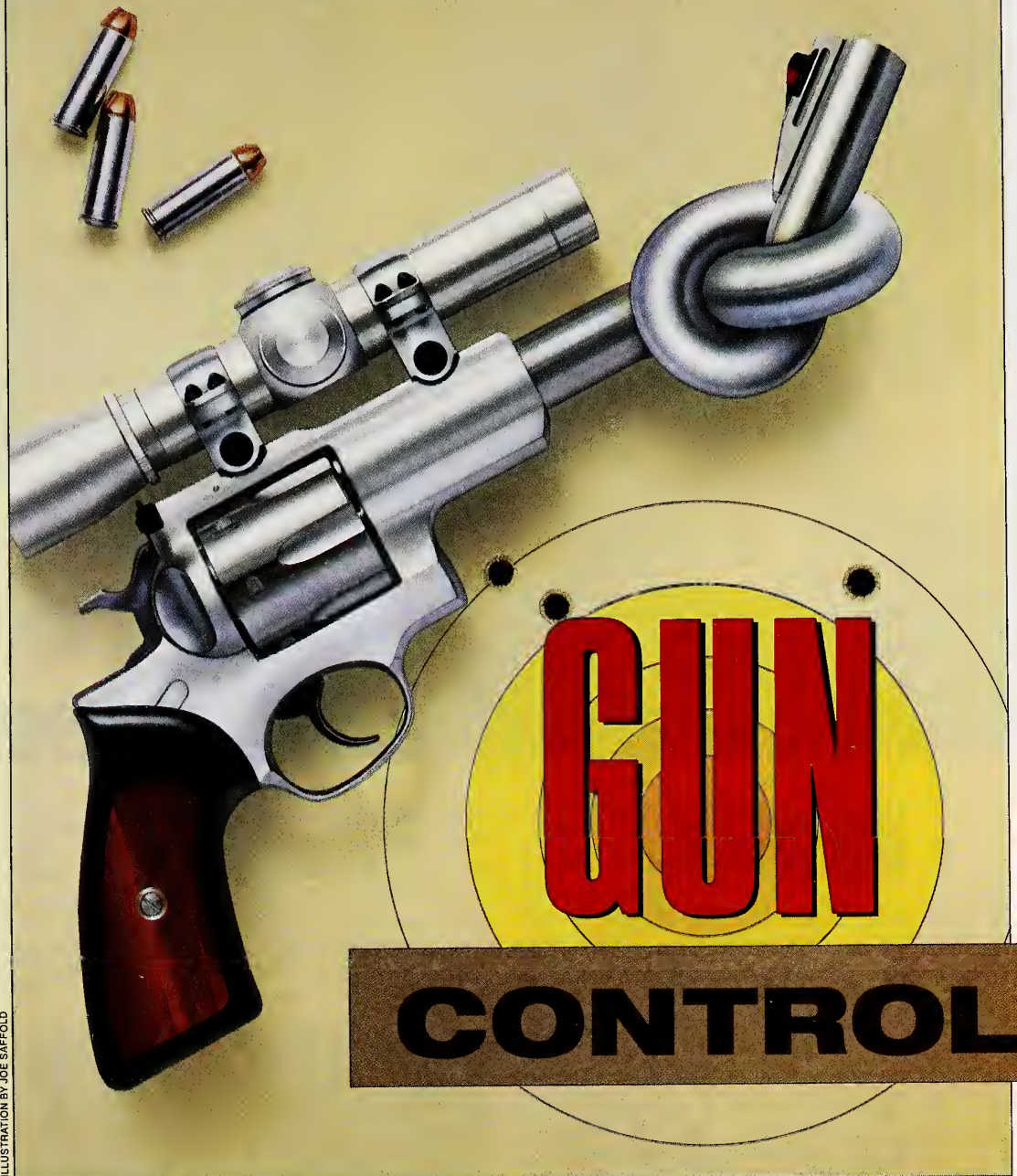


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much during the past 200 years that now "we have no choice but to maintain a standing national army while still maintaining a 'militia' by way of the National Guard, which can be swiftly integrated into the defense force."

So it goes among the "enlightened" — the amendment guarantees only a collective right to keep and bear arms for the National Guard, and presents no constitutional barrier to the enactment of various restrictions on the civilian possession of guns. A convenient interpretation, but one based solidly in elitist wishful thinking rather than careful scholarship.

A Farewell To Arms?

By William R. Tonso



RAPID FIRE—According to a Florida commission, only 0.1 percent of the firearms used to commit crimes in the state from 1986 through 1989 were semiautomatic types of assault rifles. FBI reports no law enforcement officer in the 50 states and the District of Columbia was killed with a semiautomatic Uzi from 1980 through 1989.

GUN CONTROL

As prominent legal scholar Sanford Levinson observes in his aptly-titled *Yale Law Journal* article, "The Embarrassing Second Amendment," the elite bar and legal academy have avoided examining the Second Amendment in spite of its centrality to the controversial gun issue, and he suspects the legal elite are afraid to further examine the amendment because it actually presents a barrier to gun prohibition. Though uneasy about widespread civilian gun ownership himself, Levinson has found the individual rights interpretation to be convincing. He has company. Though the legal elite have ducked the Second Amendment, according to Don B. Kates Jr., a practicing attorney and Second Amendment scholar, more than 25 law review articles on this subject have been published during the past decade, and only three of these, one of which was written by a gun-control lobbyist, argue against the individual

rights interpretation. And three out of three scholarly books on the subject also support the individual interpretation. The Founders, it seems, had much to say about the composition and purpose of the militia that the gun controllers would rather not hear, or have the

public hear.

Richard Henry Lee stated, "A militia, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves . . . and include all men capable of bearing arms." And George Mason agreed: "Who are the militia? They consist of the whole



TRIGGER TROOPS—Pro-gun demonstrators in Austin, Texas, voice their concern over firearms legislation.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS—America's "Minute Men" guns helped liberate the country in the Revolutionary War.

people, except a few public officers." When Burger claims that the militia has been replaced by the National Guard, he overlooks the fact that according to 10 United States Code section 311, the National Guard is still only the organized part of the militia, and the rest "consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and . . . under 45 years of age who are, or have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States." When Burger nonchalantly mentions that the National Guard "can be swiftly integrated into the national defense force," he unwittingly acknowledges a major reason why it cannot perform a basic function of the militia supported by the Founders—a safeguard against tyranny. Thomas Jefferson and the Founders were convinced that any government could become tyrannical if not kept in line by an armed citizenry, and Tench Coxe expressed their concerns quite succinctly:

"As civil rulers, not having their duty to the people duly before them, may attempt to tyrannize, and as the military forces, which must be occasionally raised to defend our country, might pervert their power to the injury of their fellow-citizens, the people are confirmed by the next article in their right to keep and bear their private arms."

The National Guard is a select militia not composed of the whole citizenry, and the Founders were as leery of select militia as they were of standing armies. Given the truth of Burger's observation



concerning our current national situation, our large standing military forces and a federally controlled National Guard, it could be argued that we now need the tyranny safeguard of an armed populace as much as we have ever needed it. As Stephen Halbrook, another attorney and Second Amendment scholar, has noted, the function of the National Guard "is to maintain the status quo," while the purpose of the militia is "to counter inroads on freedom by government." Put another way, "The right of citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against tyranny which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible." These are not the words of an NRA propagandist. They are the words of, Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic senator from Minnesota and Vice President under Lyndon Johnson.

When the NRA voiced similar sentiments in a newspaper advertisement after the massacre of Chinese students at Tiananmen Square, the reasoning was dismissed in "enlightened" circles as silly, if not treasonous. But we are not immune to arbitrariness at any level of government, as anyone familiar with the history of minority and labor relations in the United States is well aware. Even the Founders allowed slavery to continue to exist, and the unarmed slaves could not pressure them to do otherwise.

Ironically, gun control advocates argue that the government the Founders felt had to be held to its representative ideals through the threat posed by an armed citizenry should determine what small arms, if any, the law-abiding citizens it represents will be allowed to possess. To promote "reasonable gun controls," in other words, gun control-

A MILITIA, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves.

lers must deny the profound lack of trust in government, even representative government, reflected in the entire Bill of Rights. This denial may be fostered by an honest, if convenient, lack of awareness of the Founders' concerns, or by an elitist lack of commitment to representative government and a related willingness to rely on misinformation and disinformation to overcome

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OPINION

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Gun Legislation

AT PRESS time, Congress was considering H.R. 467, also known as the "Brady Bill," named after President Ronald Reagan's former press secretary James Brady, who was shot and permanently disabled after an assassination attempt on Reagan in March 1981.

The main feature of the bill is a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases. However, the "Brady Bill" does not address the primary sources of felon arms: theft and the black market. Nor does the bill require any kind of background check, or address the problem of criminals using false identification to obtain firearms.

THE HUNTER IS

By Gary Turbak

AN AMERICAN tradition is under attack. A small but vocal minority wants to eliminate the hunting of wild game, an activity that has been part of this country's heritage for hundreds of years. In addition to robbing millions of Americans of their recreational birthright, a ban on hunting could devastate wildlife conservation.

Long before there were cities or language or even clothing, there was hunt-

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ing. When the pilgrims stepped off the boat at Plymouth Rock, they carried their hunting muskets—and were greeted by another hunting society that used bows and arrows. Today, hunting is an American tradition enjoyed by nearly 25 million men, women and children. Even President George Bush is an inveterate quail and dove hunter.

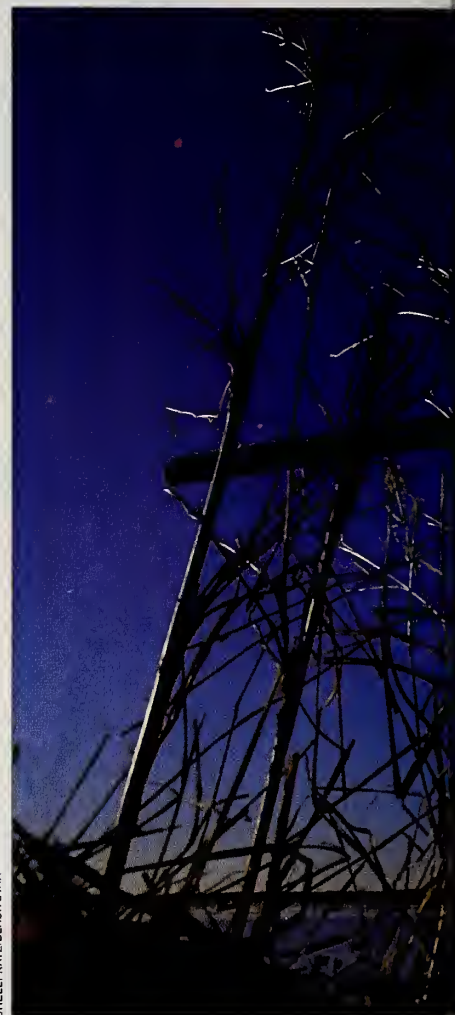
Increasingly, however, hunting and hunters have become targets. In woods and fields across the nation, anti-hunters have frightened game away with airhorns, slashed sportsmen's tires and assaulted hunters. In Montana, protestors jabbed one bison hunter with a ski pole and smeared blood on the face of another. A Connecticut deer hunter fractured his neck when he fell from a tree stand that had been sabotaged by anti-hunters. Protestors have even set traps and poisoned dog food to injure and kill hunters' dogs.

"Hunting represents an ecologically and biologically destructive war against wildlife, and it needs to be stopped," said Luke Dommer, president of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, one of several anti-hunting organizations.

Opposition to America's hunting heritage flies in the face of history, economics and the science of wildlife management. "Hunting is an important and legitimate use of wildlife resources and a vital management tool," said Conley Moffett, deputy assistant director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "The support of sportsmen has been essential to the long, successful history of wildlife and habitat conservation."

"Anti-hunters hang their contentions on pseudo-scientific notions that have no basis in logic or fact," said Rick Story, vice president of the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA). For example, anti-hunters fail to distin-

PEOPLE'S CHOICE—A recent Gallup Poll found that only 21 percent of Americans favor a ban on hunting.



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DUCK BUCKS—Hunters contribute one half billion dollars yearly to improve private wildlife habitats.

guish between the death of an individual animal and the demise of an entire species, when the difference should be eminently clear: All individuals eventually die, but species may live indefinitely. Because of this (perhaps intentional) misconception, anti-hunters like to tell the public that hunters are driving wild creatures toward extinction.



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PREY

"Without hunters, wildlife conservation and management would not exist in this country. . . . Hunters have carried the ball."



The truth is just the opposite. Among wildlife populations, individual animals hardly matter at all. It's the species that's important, and invariably the overall prosperity of a species skyrockets once hunters become interested in that animal. One of the surest ways to guarantee the survival of a wild species is to let sportsmen hunt it.

By the early 1900s, for example, market shooting, which is not regulated like sport hunting, and habitat loss had pushed some wildlife populations

dangerously low. Whitetail deer numbered only about half a million. Just seeing a deer was worth a mention at the dinner table. Then sport hunters began lobbying for management programs to increase whitetail numbers, and today the population is estimated to be 15 million. In many places, white-tails are now so numerous they've become pests in suburban gardens.

Thanks to sportsmen, other hunted species have fared just as well. Fifty years ago, America's 12,000 pronghorn antelope appeared headed for extinc-

tion; today there are nearly 1 million. Elk numbers have risen from 40,000 to about 1 million, and wild turkeys from 20,000 to 4 million. "The truth," said Story, "is that regulated sport hunting has never driven any species to extinction—or even caused one to become threatened or endangered."

Anti-hunters also like to tout harvest statistics. In 1989, for example, hunters killed an estimated 50 million doves, 20 million pheasants, 4.6 million deer and 350,000 turkeys. This is indeed a lot of animals, and anti-hunters say these figures demonstrate the havoc hunting wreaks in the wildlife world.

To reasoned observers, however, these numbers prove exactly the opposite. There was nothing special about the 1989 game harvest. Hunters killed about the same number of animals in 1988 and probably will do so again in 1991.

If hunting is decimating wildlife populations, where do all these animals keep coming from, year after year? The answer is that many wildlife species greatly overproduce and will suffer high annual mortality whether they're hunted or not. Well-managed hunting simply harvests the surplus. "Regulated sport hunting doesn't harm wildlife species, it helps them," Story said.

Anti-hunters fondly cite the free-wheeling, bloodthirsty, wasteful shooting that characterized 19th-cen-

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PARTNERS—Sewage plant engineers in Arcata, Calif., found a way to protect surrounding wetlands and save money at the same time.

COMMENTARY

INNOVATIVE GOVERNMENT

By Fred Jordan

THOSE who can, do. Those who can't, get government jobs." Right?

"The best way to keep government clean is to slap more controls on government officials." Right?

"Government can't be trusted to solve important problems because government is the problem." Right?

Based on what I learned in more than a year of touring the country to examine eight innovative state and local government programs, the answers have to be

"Wrong!" In place after place, elected and appointed government officials are taking new approaches to offering basic services and responding to big social, economic and physical problems. These innovators could be our guides into a 21st century America in which "things work," for a change.

Here is a quick look at each of the eight projects that won the title "Innovation" from the Ford Foundation's and the John F. Kennedy School of Government's State and Local Government Innovations program.

ARCATA (CALIF.) WETLANDS

Arcata's city engineers have been working for more than a decade on a model system of sewage treatment that

depends on natural wetland processes to "polish" treated sewage to the point where it is safe to discharge it into Humboldt Bay, one of the West Coast's most important estuaries. Instead of treating wastewater as a disposal problem, elected officials and engineers decided to view it as a natural resource, a way to revive wetlands damaged by decades of environmental bad behavior. While engineers worked on the technical problems, political leaders worked on the problem of convincing adamant state and federal officials to permit the city to follow its "low-tech" approach to a successful conclusion.

The result is a money-saving, energy-saving approach to wastewater treatment that is likely to become standard practice in other communities and has become the focus of a 170-acre Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary visited by 200,000 people each year.

LESLIE (MICH.) FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Teen-age mothers in rural areas face tough obstacles to completing their educations. Before they can return to their studies after a child is born, they must obtain an array of help, from child care to transportation. To stay in school

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and graduate, they must learn to cope with the demands of parenthood. Often, services they need to help them adjust to their responsibilities to themselves and their children are as remote as the school.

Family Learning Center has helped overcome the isolation and rejection experienced by teen-age parents in seven rural school districts in Ingham County by integrating the services the parents need with education and doing it at Leslie High School. The center has achieved what few adolescent parent programs, urban or rural, have: a 90 percent graduation rate, few repeat pregnancies and improved family life. And it achieved these things with practically no financial support from the community.

MINNESOTA'S STEP

Minnesota has forged an unusual partnership between mid-level government managers and their counterparts in the private sector to make innovation easier to achieve throughout Minnesota state government. A small staff in the state's Department of Administration encourages career employees to suggest ways of improving or expanding government services. A prestigious panel of business and government leaders approves good ideas with a minimum of red tape. The ideas' initiators are then given responsibility for implementing them—with private-

sector assistance if necessary. If the idea is successful, the originators are honored in an awards ceremony.

The Strive Toward Excellence in Performance program (STEP) differs from many previous attempts to make government more effective. Rather than make adversaries of state employees by going after "fraud, waste and abuse," STEP uses people with the greatest knowledge of how government works to develop solutions to problems. Perhaps STEP's greatest distinction, even beyond the money it has saved and the morale it has generated, is that it has become the public sector's equivalent to "In Search of Excellence."

ST. LOUIS COUNTY'S CARE

Applying computer technology—and an iconoclastic approach to the conventional wisdom about police procedures—the St. Louis County Police Department devised the Computer Assisted Report Entry (CARE) program. The first of its kind, it is now being studied and adopted by police departments across the country. It liberated patrol officers from the burden of writing reports, on which they had spent as much as 20 percent of their time, by allowing them to call in reports by telephone to a bank of civilian operators trained to assist the officer make a complete and accurate report. Civilians, too, can use the system to call in non-emergency reports, such as theft or



MOM'S HELPERS—The Family Learning Center in Leslie, Mich., helps teen-aged parents cope with adulthood.

vandalism, which means the department no longer has to dispatch an officer and a car to every incident. Cost and time savings have permitted the county to employ officers in activities that prevent crime. The improvement in the quality of reporting has improved the chances of successful prosecution.

STATE OF ILLINOIS: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHILD.

Across the nation, the number of black children awaiting adoption is considerably higher than the number of white children. In Illinois this is no longer the case. The difference is due to an unusual recruitment effort initiated by the state's Department of Children and Family Services in concert with the state's black churches. Rather than relying exclusively on special

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HIGH COST OF PRODUCT SAFETY

• Consumer products cause 22,000 deaths and 33 million injuries each year. But "quick-fix" solutions aren't always workable—and often are expensive.

By Steve Salerno

IN THE early 1970s, researchers at a small manufacturer of wind-measuring equipment for meteorological uses began tinkering with a device that would detect wind-shear in its beginning stages. This had the makings of a major advance in air safety, because wind-shear, or clear-air turbulence, is a prime factor in plane crashes. The device performed flawlessly in a majority of tests. But company executives were not as delighted as you'd expect. They were, in fact,

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deeply concerned. What would happen in cases where the innovation failed to function as designed? If an air disaster resulted, might the company find itself named as a co-defendant in some monumental lawsuit? Would the federal government inundate them with a never-ending flood of paperwork?

In the end, company executives voted to scrap the wind-shear project. They would continue marketing the kinds of commonplace products that had kept the firm quietly profitable for years.

For this company—as for many others since—there was simply too much risk in the business of safety.

No one disputes that safety is a legitimate issue. Consumer products are linked with 22,000 deaths and 30 million injuries each year, and there was a time when manufacturers were too casual about the products sent to market. In response, Congress in 1973 created the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). As the "policeman" of American safety standards, the CPSC keeps tabs on 15,000 categories of products, notably toys, children's clothing, small appliances and household cleansers.

The question is whether the government's passion for safety—and the paranoid, blame-shifting environment it has helped to spawn—is achieving the desired result. True, there have been sporadic successes. Chainsaw injuries dropped 75 percent in the wake of CPSC regulations, and flammability standards on indoor upholstery cut fire-associated deaths by almost half. But skeptics claim the CPSC's modest

budget and staff size are such that the agency's activities tend to be arbitrary and scattershot at best—and obstructive and meddlesome at worst.

"What the government will do," said Michael Webster, whose company, WIB Financial Group, is one of the leaders in funding start-ups and special research and development projects, "is they'll clamp down hard on the little guy who's got a different way of doing something. If something goes wrong, they'll automatically assume that it was because he did things differently.

"The result," added Webster, "is that the most innovative projects—the ones with the really creative solutions to current problems—are the ones that often have the toughest time getting off the ground."

The wind-shear detector exemplifies the numerous products that are shelved because manufacturers fear going out on a limb with revolutionary ideas. Pharmaceutical companies have grown far more cautious. What's more, the insurers who underwrite new products have grown gun-shy amid a flurry of seven-figure liability lawsuits. This is just one of the ironic consequences of today's safety mindedness.

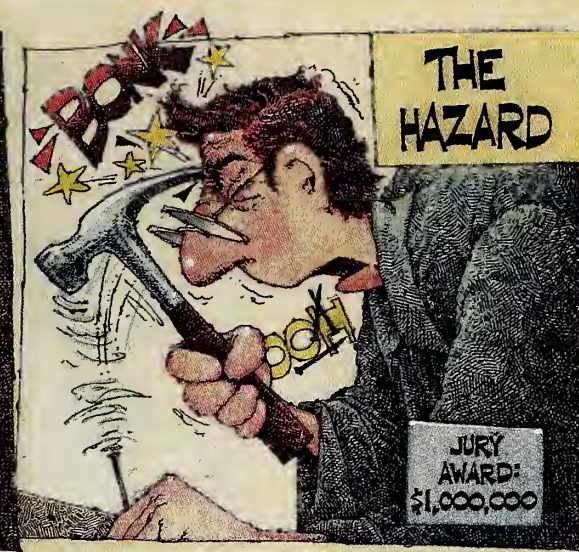
AMORE obvious problem is that, because the CPSC's rulings are seldom analyzed for cost effectiveness, consumers sometimes pay dearly for marginal gains in safety. The classic case may be the agency's higher standards for glazing materials. Enacted in 1977, the code mandated the use of tempered glass in a variety of industrial and architectural settings, even though less than 3 percent of glass-handling injuries require medical attention of any kind. The action has had a major impact at the cash register—perhaps three quarters of a billion dollars since the revamped codes became law.

Then there are the indirect financial consequences of safety edicts. When foam insulation was suspected as a carcinogen in 1982, the adverse publicity depreciated home values. Some homeowners spent \$25,000 to have the substance removed—only to see the advisory lifted soon after.

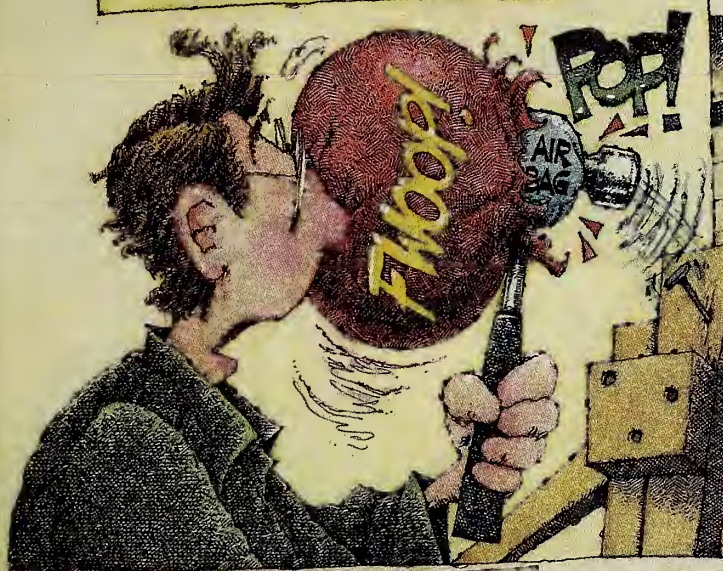
Not infrequently, the CPSC's rulings have backfired. The best known inci-

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SAFETY NET—The CPSC's approach assumes that each safety issue can be reduced to a design flaw that already has a technical solution.



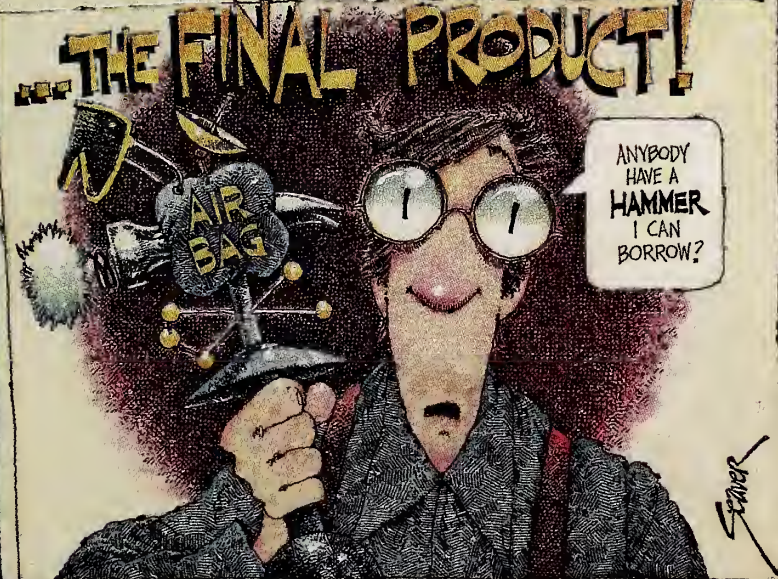
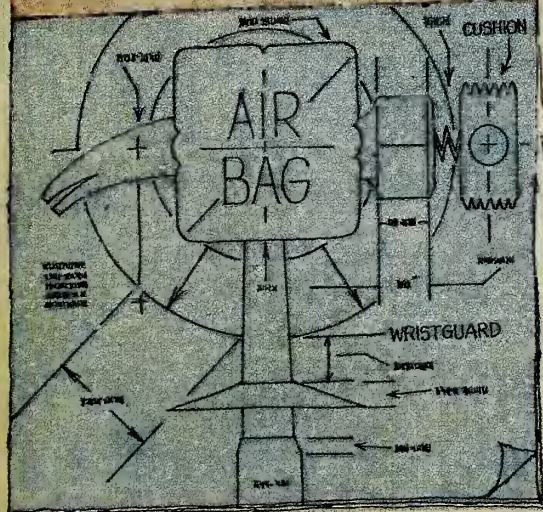
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ORE Americans died in the brutal cauldron of the Civil War than in any foreign war. But nearly half of American college seniors do not know when it took place and 42 percent cannot even place the Civil War in the correct half-century. Nor do they appear to understand much about what was at stake in that struggle.

A survey sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1989 found a majority of college seniors would flunk even a basic test on cultural and historical literacy: a quarter could not distinguish between the thoughts of Karl Marx and the United States Constitution (or between the words of Winston Churchill and those of Joseph Stalin), and a majority were unable to identify the Magna Carta, Reconstruction or the Missouri Compromise.

This is shocking, but perhaps not surprising when one considers what is being taught on our university campuses today. Students are tempted with such offerings as the University of Georgia's Music 418, "History and Analysis of Rock Music," Vassar's "Sociology of Sociability" (the study of parties) and "Ultimate Frisbee" at the University of Massachusetts. Course catalogs are littered with offerings such as "Mad, Bad and Imbruted Women" at Williams College, "Music Video 454" at California State University at Los Angeles, and "Deadhead 101," a sociological study of The Grateful Dead rock band, at the University of North Carolina.

Despite that smorgasbord, students can graduate from 78 percent of the nation's colleges without ever taking a course in Western civilization. More than one-third of all students can graduate without taking a single course in history, and nearly half, without studying English or American literature. In other words, students are graduating without ever studying the historical roots or the values of American culture or government. What they do learn is often very different.

Late last year, the faculty of the University of Wisconsin at Madison voted 386 to 248 to throw ROTC off campus to protest "discrimination against gays

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Many of our colleges are graduating young Americans who never studied the fundamentals of our language, our culture or our history.

DEADHEAD

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By Charles J. Sykes

and lesbians." The Board of Regents later gave ROTC a reprieve, but that attack on ROTC is only part of a larger revolution in higher education.

Despite its long tradition of academic freedom, the University of Wisconsin has also imposed a controversial limit on free speech in the guise of attacking racism, sexism, ageism and "homophobia." Nor was it alone. Until its rule was dismissed by the courts, students at the University of Michigan faced disciplinary action for saying that women might be less qualified than men in a given field. At the University of Connecticut, students faced suspension not merely for racial epithets but also for "inappropriately directed laughter" and even for the "conspicuous exclusion (of another student) from conversation." The new climate on campus led former Assistant Education Secretary Chester Finn to describe the American university as an "island of repression amid a sea of freedom."

The gag rules are dramatic symptoms of higher education's crisis of values. "What has changed," one professor at Columbia University told *The New York Times*, "has been the faculty, especially the junior faculty. They are the children of the 1960s. They were marching then, but now political action takes place in the classroom."

This is not true of all schools, of course, but it is remarkably widespread, especially among some of the

largest and most elite institutions of higher learning. And this background affects what is taught, how it is taught, and what is not taught at all.

Even as the professors at the University of Wisconsin were voting to eject ROTC, the school was eagerly trying to recruit poet June Jordan for a position in its English Department at a salary of \$80,000 a year. The attempt to hire Jordan was not questioned by members of the UW faculty, the board of regents, or even members of the state legislature. It thus fell to a student, Richard Abowitz, an English major at the university, to point out the unmentionable: Jordan's views on race were "extreme, dogmatic and irreconcilable" and often tinged with anti-Semitism. In her writings Jordan singled out Vietnam, Cuba and Iran for accolades, while declaring that the United States represents "the greatest evil to people seeking just rights of self-determination."

Perhaps most important of all, however, was her attitude toward language, the subject she was being hired to teach. To Jordan, English is "the language of the killers," or as she described it during a speech at Dartmouth College, "the language of people who hate me."

That translated directly into the way she approached language in her classroom. At one point she had her students at Stony Brook write letters protesting the alleged murder of a young black



At prestigious Stanford University, the program in Western civilization was gutted under pressure from the Black Student Union, whose slogan "We don't want to read any more dead white guys" was chanted along with "Hey, hey, ho, ho, western culture's got to go!"

"The faculty who pushed hardest to overturn Western civilization curriculum are 1960s leftovers," said the director of the doomed course. "As undergraduates, they assumed they'd be called upon to reform the world. Twenty years later, they see themselves besieged by an America that's turned away from radical politics. They want to make the campus a haven, and attacking the course was their way of digging a line of defensive trenches."

To make room for the new agenda, authors such as Homer, Sophocles, Dante, More, Luther, Galileo, Darwin and Freud were tossed into the curricular ash can. The discarded classics

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vision of our
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in some of our
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man by a white policeman. Under Jordan's tutelage, a letter read: "Us appall, fed up, because that another senseless death that occur in our community" Not even *The Village Voice* would dignify the illiterate screed by printing it. But Jordan defends her students' use of "black English" by arguing: "Should we use the language of the killers—standard English—in order to make our ideas acceptable to those controlling the killers?"

Again, it was left to Abowitz to remark upon the obvious: "It is very

odd to think of an English teacher expressing such sentiments at a time when students are graduating from college with an increasingly feeble command of the English language. To encourage students to ignore spelling and violate grammatical rules—this apparently is part of June Jordan's mission as a teacher of English."

Ultimately, Jordan chose to accept an offer from Berkeley, but the incident reflected the triumph of radical politics over academic integrity in higher education.

have been replaced in part by Rastafarian poetry, the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights and the writings of Frantz Fanon, the apostle of black revolutionary terrorism, who writes that "when a native hears a speech about Western culture he pulls out his knife—or at least makes sure it is within reach."

Perhaps the most extraordinary phenomenon in American universities has been the rise of academic Marxists. It is not an exaggeration to note that

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NATO'S NEW ASSIGNMENT

By Timothy W. Stanley

NATO," said one European pundit, "has become a solution in search of a problem." With the end of the Cold War and the demise of the Warsaw Pact, much thought is being given to the future of the alliance between North America and Western Europe. "The Alliance" encompasses the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and includes the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Economic Summits, both of which involve Japan.

The alliance is literally at the crossroads of history. Behind it lies the successful rebuilding of a democratic Western Europe, the containment of Soviet military power, and finally, the dismantling of the Iron Curtain in all its symbolic dimensions. In short, NATO has "won" the Cold War without firing a shot. Less clear are the signposts for the road ahead, although one of them points toward continuity: assuring the new status quo of a "Europe whole and free" against upheaval from the forces unleashed by the dramatic unraveling of communism and the disintegration of the Warsaw Pact and the external Soviet empire.

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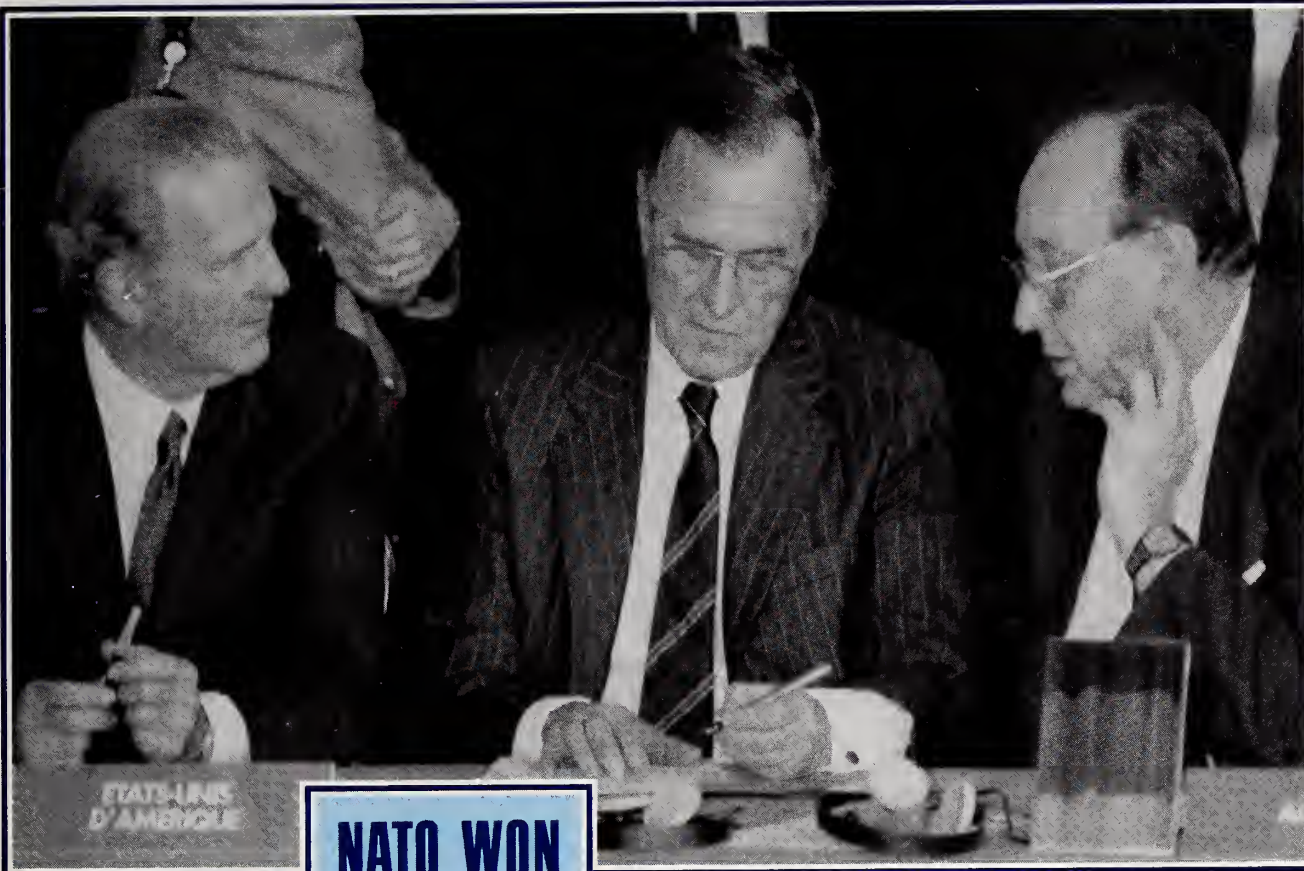
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Securing the peace may ironically involve the alliance aiding the Soviet Union and its former satellites. For example, western food relief was delivered to the USSR just before Christmas from the very supplies which had been stockpiled in Berlin against any new blockade of that city by the Soviet Union.

Another new task might involve redefining the alliance's geographic scope to include trouble spots outside the treaty area, such as the Persian Gulf with its Iraqi threat. General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., a former NATO Commander and U.S. Secretary of State, once said, "If NATO didn't already exist, it would have to be invented." But that proposition requires exploration.

In November 1990, President George Bush, then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, President Francois Mitterand, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, President Mikhail Gorbachev, and 27 other heads of state met in Paris. This summit session of the Conference on Security and Cooperation Europe (CSCE) formally ended the Cold War, ratified German unification, agreed to major conventional force reductions and produced a "Declaration of Paris" on democracy and human rights for all the members. Just before that momentous gathering, a smaller Paris meeting brought together the senior officials of NATO and delegations from the Atlantic Treaty Associations (ATA) of all 16 members.

AID PLANS—German Chancellor Kohl and former British Prime Minister Thatcher aided cooperation efforts.



NATO WON the Cold War without firing a shot. Its new role must be redefined beyond Europe.



For the first time, some Soviet and east European observers took part. Many former ambassadors, foreign and defense ministers and members of parliaments were members of these delegations. The participants wrestled four days with the problem posed at the outset: "What is NATO's status in the post-Cold War era?" When the heads of government met a week later in the East-West CSCE Summit setting, they could not really address the future because they were ratifying and celebrating recent diplomatic successes. But it was evident that the Soviet Union no longer sought the dissolution of NATO, and sees it as a suitable (or at least unavoidable) framework for German unification and a stabilizing, confidence-building factor for East and West.

Pierre Harmel, Prime Minister of Belgium and author of the 1967 NATO report bearing his name, which laid out the twin tasks of combining military deterrence with political detente,

argued in Paris that the task for the 90s and beyond is nothing less than "to build a new type of security relations among the three great geo-political pillars of the Northern Hemisphere: North America, The European Community with its future developments and the new (post-perestroika) Soviet zone." Such a structure, he maintained, would develop both Atlantic and Pacific security zones, including Japan, and thus effectively guarantee the peace for the "North." He said nothing, however, about the "South"—the Third World, where most conflicts are likely to arise.

ATANTALIZING vision of East-West cooperation had already been presented at NATO's own summit meeting in London in July 1990 through a series of planned steps to transform NATO. It was recognized, however, that turmoil in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe is unpredictable. For example, a new authoritarian regime might take

over in the Kremlin canceling perestroika and glasnost and restoring the old Soviet foreign policy. Thus one clear task for NATO is to retain the ability to mobilize major deterrent forces rapidly if circumstances should require.

AGREEMENT—President Bush, Secretary of State Baker and his counterpart Hans Genscher signed arms treaties.

There was unanimous agreement at all meetings that it is essential to maintain militarily meaningful United States forces in Europe. It is a sign of the times that even the Soviets, who spent years trying to get the Americans off the continent, now seem to welcome a reduced U.S. presence for the long term. "Meaningful" was generally defined as one active Army corps, or about 75,000 men along with the equipment already stockpiled in Europe for a second corps, plus appropriate air and naval forces. The American delegates stressed that while this seems to be in the U.S. vital interest as well, an increase in European burden-sharing is necessary for Congress to acquiesce in that deployment, even one merely one third of recent levels.

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According to VA regulations announced in October 1990, any veteran who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War period and later developed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) will have service-connected status for that disease.

The new regulations, which are part of Title 38, follow the March 1990 announcement that VA will grant disability payments to Vietnam veterans for NHL. VA has granted service-connected status for NHL, but has refused to acknowledge Agent Orange as the cause. The American Legion has maintained that NHL and many other ailments of Vietnam veterans were caused by exposure to the herbicide.

To be eligible for this service-connected status, Vietnam veterans must have been diagnosed with NHL after Aug. 5, 1964, and served in waters offshore, or in other locations if the conditions of service involved duty or visitation in Vietnam. There is no requirement for length of service.

VA regional offices have been authorized to proceed with NHL cases, including previous claims. A previously denied claim for service connection for NHL may now be granted from the original date of claim.

"Recognizing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma as a service-connected condition was long overdue," said National Commander Robert S. Turner. "Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is only one ailment related to Agent Orange. Vietnam veterans suffering with other conditions related to Agent Orange exposure deserve that service-connected status, too."

At press time, Legion legislative officials continued to petition Congress for adequate legislation for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

Some veterans who waived military retirement pay for VA compensation payments may not have received the proper tax credits from the IRS. They may have to refile their tax returns, according to VA.

Military retirement pay based on age or length of service is taxable income and must be reported to the IRS. If any retirement pay is waived because of the receipt of VA disability compensation, which is non-taxable, taxable income is reduced by an amount equal to the VA compensation.

However, some VA letters to the IRS concerning some veterans' receipt of compensation did not contain enough information for IRS purposes. Subsequently, the IRS didn't credit some veterans who had waived some or all of their retirement pay for VA compensation. These veterans may have to refile for the exclusion by submitting their award letter, VA Form 20-8993, with federal tax forms.

Also, for veterans who have paid taxes on disability severance pay and are awarded VA disability compensation, VA is required to take back or recoup the severance pay, including the amount paid in taxes. Usually, VA reduces monthly compensation payments until the amount of disability severance pay and taxes on that pay is reached.

Veterans receive no tax refund for that portion paid in taxes. The IRS has determined that disability severance pay is taxable income because it is received as a lump-sum

payment rather than a monthly disability benefit. In addition, the IRS concluded that no reduction in tax liability would occur for those entitled to VA disability benefits for the same disability.

A VA official estimated the number of veterans affected by these tax issues to be in the thousands. Veterans with questions should contact the nearest VA regional office.

The National Americanism Commission has published the *Nursing Financial Assistance Directory*, which lists scholarships, grants and loans for those interested in pursuing nursing careers.

"One of the reasons The American Legion was founded was to promote proper medical care for our nation's veterans," said Americanism Chairman Gary W. Sammons. "The *Nursing Financial Assistance Directory* will make it easier for more students to pursue careers in nursing, and help veterans in VA facilities."

The 33-page directory contains an outline of the financial aid application process, information about loan programs and scholarship listings. The directory also includes an application for a low-cost, electronic nursing scholarship search.

"The directory will help the quantity and quality of nurses," said Dr. W. Firman Haynie, chairman of the National Committee on Education. "It is designed to help those who are considering entering the nursing field and those who have already started their studies."

Complimentary copies of the *Nursing Financial Assistance Directory* have been mailed to some nursing schools and high school guidance counselors. Copies can also be purchased for \$3 each by writing National Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

While some areas of the VA budget for fiscal year 1991 were reduced or held at inadequate levels, funding for veterans' employment programs at the Department of Labor increased.

The department's office of the assistant secretary for veterans employment and training will receive \$167.9 million for its programs; the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program will receive \$77.1 million; and \$71.1 million has been earmarked for the Local Veterans Employment Representative program.

"The three programs were increased by \$6.9 million more than what was appropriated in the last fiscal year," said Joseph Frank, chairman of the Legion's Economic Commission.

A much-needed employment program also was saved, according to Frank. The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit was extended by 15 months, beginning Oct. 1, 1990. The program rewards employers with tax credits for hiring economically disadvantaged Vietnam-era veterans who are unemployed or underemployed.

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FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN

By calling 1-800-786-0901, families of troops in Operation Desert Storm can receive assistance, from household chores to emotional support.

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ALONE, Pamela Smith of Marina, Calif., has been taking care of four children after her husband, Arnel, volunteered to be a cook for an Army transportation company from Sacramento that was shipped to Saudi Arabia.

"I was so proud of him for volunteer-

ing, but I was so sorry after he left because of the way we've been treated," Mrs. Smith said. "The people back here are going through hell. I know the soldiers have it tough, but it shouldn't be that way here."

Since her husband's departure, Smith has wrestled with red tape to correct a mistake in the amount of money she should receive from the government. To provide enough food for the family, she goes to the Fort Ord food locker.

With bills mounting and Christmas impending, the Smith household had few options: "We didn't have Christmas."

However, after a captain in her husband's former National Guard unit called The American Legion Family Support Network, the Department of California sent Smith \$350. "I cried. It was a miracle," she said. "It was a god-send, and it was extra special because I knew it was a gift to help."

Pamela and thousands of other families have been able to pay bills, get questions answered and find emotional support through The American Legion Family Support Network, which can be called toll-free at 1-800-786-0901.

MULCH ADO—The Family Support Network called on Earl Berkeimer of Post 495 of Indianapolis to mow a lawn.

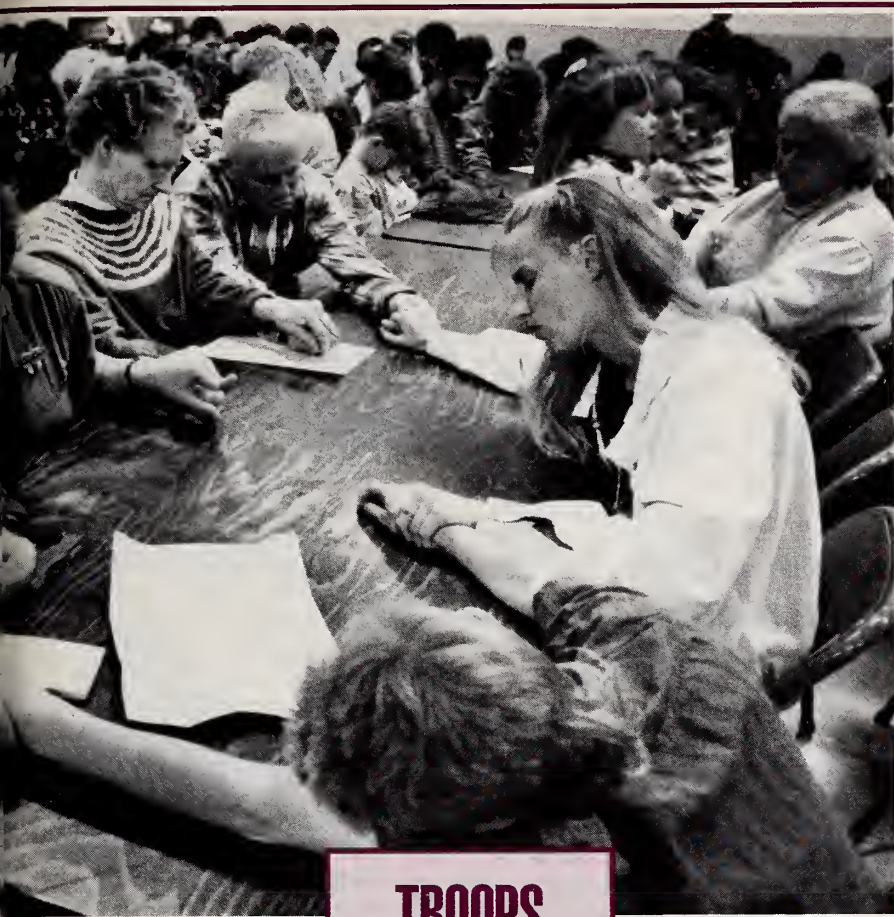
THANKFUL—Members of the 1438 Transportation Co. pray before a meal provided by Post 233 of Edinburg, Ind.

Here's how the Family Support Network operates: Families of U.S. troops called to duty who need assistance, from household chores to help dealing with financial matters, can call **1-800-786-0901**. A friendly, recorded voice guides callers through a few questions that are answered by pressing numbers on a Touch-tone telephone. Callers must enter their telephone numbers with area codes and postal ZIP codes, and indicate the urgency of help needed by pressing buttons.

In a few minutes, a call is complete and The American Legion Family Support Network has enough information to return the call, usually within 48 hours. The callers' telephone numbers are sent to Departments where the call originated. Since the network began in November, about 6,000 calls have been received. The calls are processed by Softguard Inc., a San Francisco-based telecommunications company that has provided the telephone equipment, technical expertise and software needed for the Family Support Network. Legionnaires provide the manpower to help those families who need assistance.



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Some families
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"As veterans, Legionnaires know what the troops and their families are going through," said National Commander Robert S. Turner. "Our families have endured the same trials. Through our experiences, we can help those at home, and thereby help our troops in the Middle East."

Frequently, Departments help callers by referring them to the proper military offices to answer their questions about allotments or insurance. Other assistance needed is often just helping with household chores.

For example, in Miami, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 133 helped a new mother with yard work, And Post 8 of Winter Haven, Fla., provided the wife of a called-up reservist with clothing, money and helped defer electric bill payments until her first allotment arrived.

"It's the everyday kind of assistance, with chores or babysitting, that needs to be done," said Rox Mullen, the Department of Florida staffer who coordinates

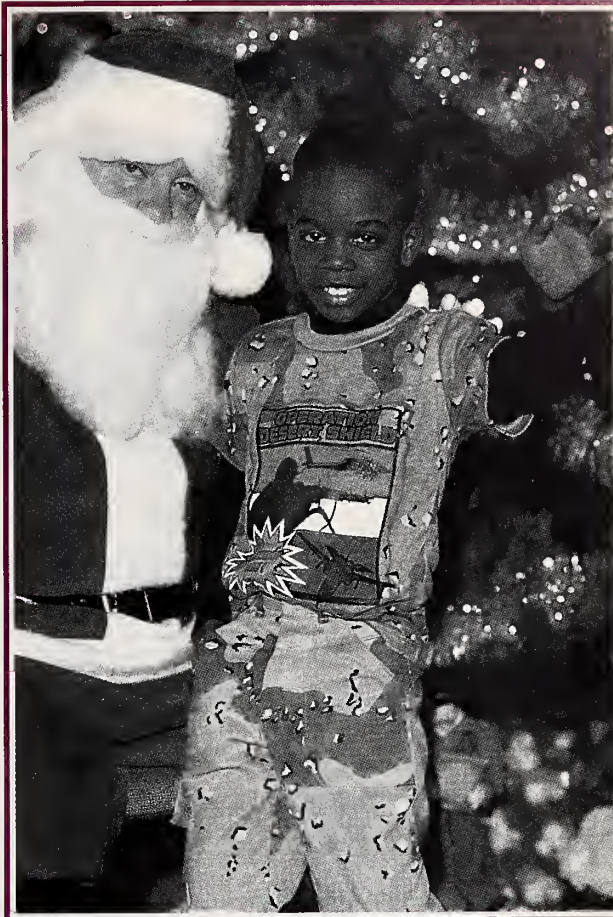
the Department's Family Support Network activities. "Many people also need emotional support."

Some families, though, are helped by the Family Support Network even before a spouse is sent overseas. When a reserve sergeant's deployment was put on hold, he returned home without pay from the National Guard or from his old job. Five Pittsburgh-area Posts provided his

family with Christmas gifts and food and collected enough money to pay rent and utilities.

In addition to providing help dealing with the financial impact of having a spouse sent overseas, the Family Support Network has helped spouses who need emotional support. For example, a wife and mother of two teen-agers called the Family Support Network from rural

BUNDLE OF BUNDLINGS—The Department of Michigan collected scarves and hats for children of Michigan National Guard troops.



GREG SMITH

HO HO HELP—Santa celebrates Christmas with the children of the 1015 AG Co., an Indiana National Guard Postal Unit.

Texas just to talk to an adult.

The Family Support Network has many calls from people and organizations offering assistance to Operation Desert Storm families. A St. Petersburg, Fla., music instructor called the network to offer free music lessons to St. Petersburg-area children of U.S. troops in the Middle East. And a Boise, Idaho, attorney offered legal service to area

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JUDGING

THE VETERANS' COURT

*Seven judges on the Court of Veterans Appeals have been selected.
Here's who they are...*

AFTER one year of operation, the Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA) has filled all seven of its judge positions, received more than 1,000 petitions and is still defining its mission and responsibilities.

In 1988, the Legion developed proposed legislation for such a judicial review for veterans, which played a significant role in the passage of P.L. 100-687, the law which created the CVA. This past August, the court filled the remaining judicial seats.

At press time, the court had issued 12 opinions and had 812 cases pending. CVA Clerk Robert Comeau said the role of the court is still misunderstood by some veterans filing petitions. For example, CVA is a judicial review court and does not accept new evidence. As a separate entity from VA, CVA offers veterans new legal rights and opportunities, but several claims were dismissed because veterans did not follow procedures and guidelines for filing a CVA claim.

Any CVA claim must be filed and received within 120 days after the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) decision, and CVA only considers cases ruled on by the BVA after Nov. 18, 1988. Claims not meeting these criteria are dismissed.

"Veterans wanting to take their case before the CVA should talk to a lawyer or a veterans' service organization to first see if there is any case," Comeau

said. "Even if the organization isn't able to represent the veteran, the organization could at least talk to the veteran and discuss what issues might arise during the application process and the court proceedings.

"In most cases, this is a mistake," Comeau said. "When a veteran represents himself at CVA, it's really an uneven playing field because VA has a legal staff that is specifically assigned to defend CVA cases. Thus, an individual veteran will be up against a staff of attorneys."

Although the Legion does not represent veterans in CVA proceedings, the Legion continues to offer representative services at VA regional offices and at the Board of Veterans Appeals.

"However, the Legion's legal and claims experts continue to monitor cases presented to the court," said John Hanson, Director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division.

In the coming year, the CVA will move from its temporary offices to its permanent offices. The court is required to have an office in Washington, D.C., but in the future CVA judges will travel nationwide to hear cases.

After the court's convocation ceremonies on Oct. 16, 1989, seven judges including Chief Judge Frank Q. Nebeker have been approved through the Senate after nominations from the President. The following are brief professional biographies of the judges:

FRANK Q. NEBEKER



Chief Judge

Confirmed May 17, 1989, Nebeker became the first chief judge of the Court of Veterans Appeals. He graduated from the American University Law School in 1955 after graduating from Weber College in 1950, and the University of Utah in 1953. From 1953 to 1956, he was the correspondence secretary in the social office of the White House, and from 1956 to 1958 he served as a trial attorney for the Internal Security Division, Espionage and Sabotage Unit of the Department of Justice. From 1958 to 1969, he was the Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, and from 1969 to 1987, he was an associate judge for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He also served in the National Guard from 1948 to 1956.

JOHN J. FARLEY III



Associate Judge

Farley graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in 1973 and has served as the director of the U.S. Justice Department's Tort Branch. Farley became disabled because of injuries suffered during his service in Vietnam, where he received four Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

RONALD M. HOLDAWAY



Associate Judge

Holdaway has served as commander of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and Chief Judge of the U.S. Army Court of

Military Review in Falls Church, Va., the Army's highest appellate tribunal. In Vietnam, he served on the staff of the Judge Advocate of the 1st Cavalry Division. He received graduate and undergraduate degrees in law from the University of Wyoming. He was a U.S. Army lawyer from 1969 to when he retired as a brigadier general in 1989. Holdaway also has been the executive officer to the judge advocate general's corps at the Pentagon and assistant to the judge advocate general for civil law.

DONALD L. IVERS



Associate Judge

Before his appointment as associate judge, Ivers was VA's General Counsel since

1985, where he directed a staff of more than 300 attorneys who provided legal advice and services to VA.

Ivers served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1968, and he graduated from the University of New Mexico and earned his law degree from American University in Washington, D.C., in 1971. An attorney since 1972, Ivers has worked for a Washington-based law firm, and was the chief counsel to the Republican National Committee from 1978 to 1981. He also was the chief counsel for the Federal Highway Administration; counselor to the Secretary of Transportation, and chairman of the Secretary's Safety Review Task Force.

KENNETH B. KRAMER



Associate Judge

Kramer served as a congressional representative from Colorado's Fifth District from 1979 to 1986. After serving as a representative, he became assistant Secretary of the Army for financial management, and served as the chief financial officer of the Army. He was responsible for deciding the settlement

of tort claims against the Army. He also was a member of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate's Corps from 1966 to 1968.

HART MANKIN



Associate Judge

Mankin received his law degree from the University of Houston in 1960 and established a private law practice from 1960 to 1969. He was the general counsel of General Services Administration from 1969 to 1971. From 1971 to 1973, he was the general counsel for the Department of the Navy, and from 1973 to 1989, he served as a counsel for the Columbia Gas System of Wilmington, Del. After retiring from Columbia Gas, he worked as an adjunct professor of law at Widener University Law School, Washington, D.C. Mankin served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1954 to 1965, attaining the rank of captain.

JONATHAN R. STEINBERG



Associate Judge

Until his appointment as an associate judge, Steinberg served as the chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Steinberg graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania. From 1963 to 1964, he served as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Judge Warren Burger, and from 1969 to 1970, he was counsel to the subcommittee on Veterans Affairs.

Steinberg served as counsel for the subcommittee on Railroad Retirement from 1971 to 1972, and from 1972 to 1977 he was counsel for the Special Subcommittee on Human Resources. He was the minority chief counsel and staff director for the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs from 1969 to present, and the principal human resources adviser to Sen. Alan Cranston. □

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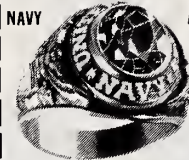
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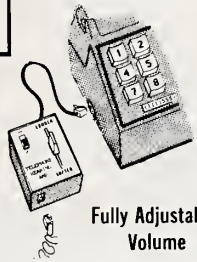
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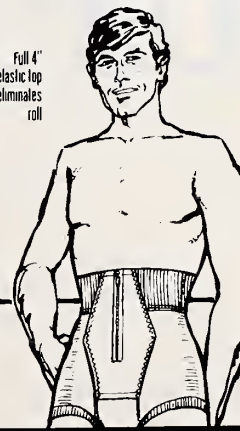
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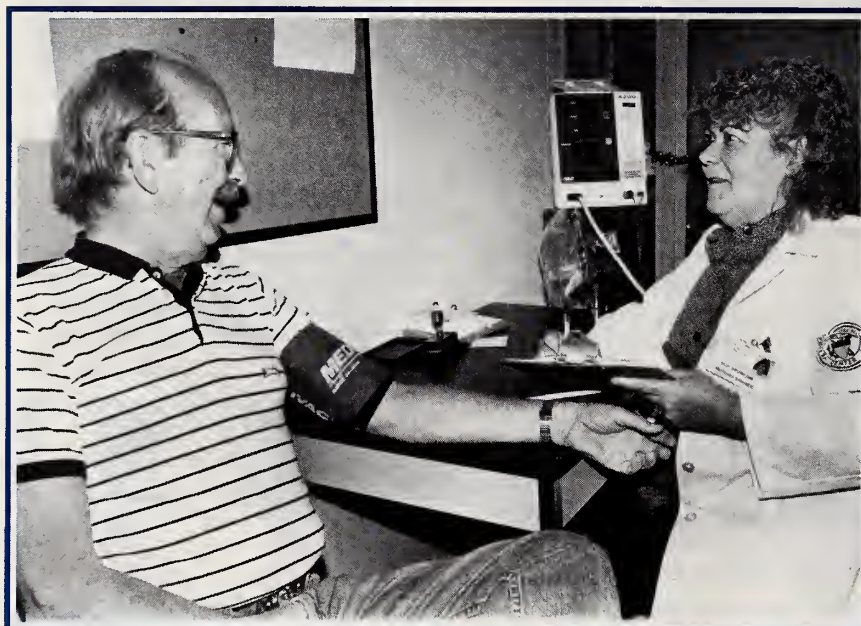


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A NEW BEGINNING



VETERANS AFFAIRS

SHELTER—Many homeless veterans in Arizona are housed in VA domiciliaries and receive extensive health screening and counseling.

WILLING workers ask no more than to be given the tools to do the job. Arizona Legionnaires and others are providing those tools to homeless veterans through a unique vocational training and job placement program at the Prescott VA Medical Center.

The pilot program, Veterans Education Training and Support Services (VETSS), gives homeless veterans the chance to get back on their feet. Several agencies pooled their resources to offer comprehensive support services for homeless veterans, providing medical and psychological treatment, job training, housing and job-placement services. Extending the hand of comradeship to those who have served their country is a must, considering its estimated veterans comprise one third of the nation's homeless, up to 2 million by some accounts.

"It's an all-encompassing program. It takes the veteran from nothing to something, from the gutter to a decent life," said Legionnaire Tony Valenzuela, chairman of the Department of Arizona's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee. Valenzuela is an example of matching talent to occupation. As director of Veterans Employment and Training Services with the U.S. Department of Labor in Arizona, Valenzuela worked with VA officials to establish a network of state, federal and private sector branches to launch VETSS, now in its second year. Pooling financial, administrative and human resources to make VETSS work was no easy task, but its success to date has enabled dedicated professionals like Tony Valenzuela to salvage the wrecked lives they found afloat in the high desert country of Arizona.

"What makes this program better than others we've tried is that it is geared to the veterans nobody wants to deal with," Valenzuela said. "Let's face

it, when you first find them, you don't want to take most of these guys out to dinner." The Prescott VA's drive to make a difference isn't confined to the homeless veteran; it seeks solutions to causes and consequences of homelessness.

VETSS helps veterans suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), the major readjustment problems faced by Vietnam era and Native American veterans. Valenzuela said state and federal employment officials and caseworkers identify vets who fit the profile, searching out shelters, public parks, reservations, even highway underpasses in addition to referral sources such as social service agencies and churches.

In Arizona, matching needs to resources produced good results, and it attracted additional funding. In 1989, 69 veterans completed VETSS courses; this year an estimated 100 veterans will be given a fresh start.

The first task is to find the homeless veteran. Prospective trainees have few prospects in the working world at this stage. They are housed in domiciliaries at the hospital where they undergo extensive physical and psychological testing to determine their needs, and to identify problems and work to solve them. Once they overcome conditions that caused their problems and homelessness, they move on to the next phase: vocational training.

Some build upon skills learned during their military service; others must start fresh in one of 10 job skill areas. The program combines classroom and on-the-job training and includes trades such as carpentry, electrical work, food services, construction, nursing aide, hotel and motel management and other occupations offering skills in demand.

"We take these veterans, clean them up and put them in training," said Alfonso Estrada, director of the VA Hospital in Prescott. "Our placement rate is around 70 percent in the general job market. But that's misleading because a lot of Native Americans decide to go back to use their skills on the reservation."

Estrada said the VETSS waiting list tops 200 names, half Native Americans.

"We were concerned there were many veterans out there who were homeless who just didn't realize how

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CONFESSIONS OF A FORMER ARTHRITIS SUFFERER

The Fascinating Story of Joyce Sullivan

"I was heart-broken. My feet and hands had become swollen and painfully stiff. The doctors had just diagnosed me as having a serious case of rheumatoid arthritis."

Of course, I still tried to cook and clean, but the pain slowed me down so much that my husband urged me to rest and let him do the cooking. Sometimes he brought "fast food" home, and I knew this could be making matters worse.

My back soon became so stooped from the pain that I could only move at a snail's pace. Most of the things I had enjoyed most in life were forbidden to me now. I couldn't even keep up with Danny, my small boy, and I worried whenever he would run outside to play. And seem to disappear.

My doctor seemed as frustrated as I about the arthritis. His only solution seemed to be to give me increasingly large doses of cortico-steroids. My dreams of having a full, active life and a larger family were shattered, because the dreadful side effects of the drugs would be catastrophic to a pregnancy.

Day after day, the pain never went away, even when I took frighteningly massive doses of the medical preparations routinely prescribed by my doctor. I would have tried just about anything at that point. One day a wonderful neighbor came to see me. She works in a veterinary clinic and always has interesting anecdotes to tell. On this day, she happened to mention a little-known remedy the clinic had been using as a treatment for animals which had arthritis.

In fact, she said, arthritic greyhounds treated with the substance were almost miraculously relieved of the pain . . . in just a few days. And she's actually seen race horses with painful bone and muscle conditions that threatened to end their racing days forever. After only a few treatments with DMSO, these same animals were back on the race track. Most veterinarians, it turned out, were using this same substance with great results.

I was surprised when my friend told me that DMSO had proven just as effective for humans back in the 1960s. She couldn't personally say it would work for me because

she had never used it. But she had seen the miraculous effect it had on animals and had read about its many successes with people. My friend believed that this compound — DMSO — could offer me a ray of hope.

I was angry. Why hadn't my learned doctor told me about this wonderful DMSO? I started reading up on it myself, and found that the substance had been approved for medical treatment for a kind of urinary disease in humans and for treating animals, but that its amazing and miraculous properties in the treatment of pain and disease had been largely concealed and suppressed from the general population. I felt angered and betrayed, because all the time I had suffered, DMSO had been readily available for relief of my crippling disease.

I ordered a bottle of DMSO liquid. I first washed the afflicted areas with soap and water. Then I began applying DMSO to my aching, swollen joints. I started acting in my body so quickly that . . . as soon as I applied it to my skin I could taste a slight garlicky taste in my mouth. DMSO is a natural substance which mixes with most any substance in nature — water, oils, fats. So it can permeate the cell walls of every kind of tissue

in the human body. And can carry medications with it, or act alone to alleviate pain and disease.

"Instant relief" is what I got. DMSO is definitely not a drug, and I'll make no health claims for it. But talk to anyone who has tried it.

Today I'm here to testify that I have both my life and my family back. The pain is gone; I can move around about as fast as ever. Danny can't get away from me now, and my husband and family are delighted with my new lease on life. My doctor? He's still frustrated, because deep inside he has to know the costly, dangerous drugs he's using on his patients simply don't heal. But, I'm back to really enjoying a normal, pain-free life.

If you or a loved one live in such a prison of pain, please don't hesitate. Life is too short. Why not join myself and thousands of others, both here and in Europe (where DMSO has been a standard medical therapy for years), whose pain has been ended as suddenly as it began.

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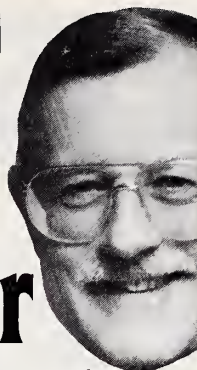
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- David Schmidt, Assistant Adjutant of the Department of North Dakota, saved \$50 when he purchased new glasses for his son.

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PRODUCT SAFETY

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dent concerned children's sleepwear. Believing that cotton pajamas were too susceptible to fire, the CPSC required that they be treated with Tris, a chemical fire-retardant. Later, a study showed Tris to cause cancer, and the CPSC was put in the embarrassing position of ordering a safety recall involving a product of the agency's own design.

Flammability standards seem to be a recurring thorn in the commission's side. Carpet-related injuries rose dramatically in 1975 after new directives forced manufacturers to begin applying flame retardants to the wool fibers. Apparently, the chemicals made the carpets more slippery.

In recent months, the CPSC has considered taking action against a popular type of smoke detector that employs a small amount of a radioactive substance. If the ban comes to pass, consumers will be left with the other type of detector, which can cost four times as much. Many observers predict a chilling Catch-22: Fewer people will buy

detectors, and more Americans will die in fires.

A subtler kind of backfiring occurs when CPSC codes create a false illusion of safety. The familiar safety caps, the bane of many older folks, came into being because of a spate of accidental poisonings of children. But fatalities associated with aspirin overdoses unaccountably went up after the new caps were implemented. A similar trend was later charted in prescription painkillers.

"What you saw," said Kip Viscusi, a noted Duke University safety expert and author on related issues, "was a perfect illustration of the 'lulling effect.'" In other words, consumer confidence in the new caps made parents more complacent about leaving the medicine laying around.

Civil libertarians voice yet another argument against restrictive safety laws. They contend that the CPSC, and its allies among public watchdog groups, are forcing all of society to live by the rules of the most cautious.

"There's no question that there is a very strong conformist aspect to safety codes," said Webster. "In many cases, they are aimed at discouraging so-called fringe behavior."

He points to the consent decree with makers of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs),

which the CPSC cites as one of its great triumphs. As a result of that "triumph" (brought on largely by the recklessness of a small minority of users), prices jumped, and several firms stopped making ATVs entirely. Thus, responsible ATV enthusiasts were penalized for their recreational tastes.

Similarly, if you're among the homeowners who have watched in frustration as lawnmowers grow increasingly complex and expensive, you have Consumers Union (CU) to thank. CU has long argued for the use of "dead man's switches," foot guards, backlash shields and other cumbersome devices.

Now and then Uncle Sam's regulatory impact intrudes into our lives in far more personal ways. The 1973 ban on spray adhesives was based on dubious research linking the sprays with genetic mutations. Many wives postponed conception, and at least nine women went as far as to abort pregnancies already under way. The ban was later rescinded. The abortions, alas, could not be.

A former CPSC commissioner has defended the agency's actions as necessary "to protect consumers from unreasonable risks of injury." The key word, however, is "unreasonable." During the years, the CPSC has often seemed bent on protecting people against the unprotectable.

Consider regulations on bicycle safety, which deal at length with such minutiae as the diameter of control cables. Statistics on the more than 1,000 bicycle-related deaths each year reveal that the overwhelming number of them don't involve control cables or spoke sizes. The two primary factors, not surprisingly, are collisions and falls.

What is true of bicycles appears true of most consumer products. When an injury occurs, the usual culprit is not product failure, but product misuse. Either that, or just plain bad luck.

In the past, the CPSC has strongly implied that consumer products should be designed so that they can't be used in an unsafe manner by careless or unsuspecting buyers. This is an attractive ideal, but the real-world implications are truly mind-boggling. How, for example, does one design a knife that cannot be used unsafely? Or take the case of injuries on the playground. In an average year, there will be about 180,000 of them. Short of doing away with playgrounds, how do you prevent that?

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enough to be choked on," said the director of safety engineering for a major toy manufacturer.

As Viscusi and others see it, the main trouble with the CPSC is that the agency sidesteps behavioral aspects of safety. "In a lot of cases," he noted, "the problem isn't the product itself; it's the people who are using it." Studies suggest that in the case of ATVs especially, a disproportionate number of injuries are sustained by casual users, who either ignore or don't bother to familiarize themselves with safety guidelines or who stupidly drive the vehicles while intoxicated.

The CPSC's "quick-fix" approach assumes that each separate safety issue can be reduced to a design flaw that has a ready technological solution. The failures of Tris and safety caps provide ample evidence of the agency's stubborn determination to achieve its goals through redesign alone.

As Viscusi illustrated, "The CPSC sees there's a problem with fires, so they move the striking surface on a pack of matches to the back of the pack. That's not why we have fires. We have fires because people smoke in bed, or dispose of matches carelessly."

Viscusi believes the agency's \$35 million annual budget would be better spent on education and improved product warnings. But if the CPSC is going to take it upon itself to redesign products, "then they should give manufacturers their criteria before the product goes to market, when it's relatively

cheap to incorporate changes." As it stands now, said Viscusi, "all the commission does is react to things that have already happened. They wait for somebody to get killed, then they come up with a redesign."

This tendency to focus on products rather than people (which applies equally to "Nader's Raiders" and the folks at Consumers Union) has an even more serious drawback: It promotes the notion that whenever something goes wrong, someone else is to blame—a notion that trial lawyers are only too happy to reinforce. Commenting on the social climate fostered by such beliefs, personal finance expert Andrew Tobias writes, "Are we no longer responsible for looking where we're going?"

The costs of this type of thinking to society may be hard to calculate with precision, but the impact is seen and felt everywhere. Municipal buildings pay outlandish insurance premiums to guard against oddball occurrences that could spur million-dollar lawsuits. Those premiums are passed on to consumers through taxes or service cutbacks. Two years ago, one southern school district was forced to scrap its entire sports program as a direct result of a freak injury to an athlete. The funds that normally would have gone toward equip-

ment and facilities were diverted instead to the settlement. Deprived of an opportunity to participate in scholastic sports, thousands of students are now more vulnerable to other, less wholesome after-school activities.

The final irony may be that, despite all the hoopla, many of the "failsafe" products favored by the CPSC gather dust on shelves. Mothers shopping for kids' pajamas still seem to prefer cotton to the fire-safe synthetics. Manufacturers have been able to meet the demand surreptitiously by making slight changes in the appearance of cotton pajamas and labeling them "playwear" instead of "sleepwear." And if that's a dangerous game the moms and manufacturers are playing, the statistics don't show it.

Indeed, someone who did not already know what year the CPSC burst on the scene would be hard pressed to tell from the data on accidents in the home; the trend was headed sharply downward long before the agency was chartered. In fact, the rate of decline during the two decades of the CPSC's existence has been more gradual than in the two decades preceding its formation.

And that, said a toy manufacturing executive, "might be the last word on the subject." □

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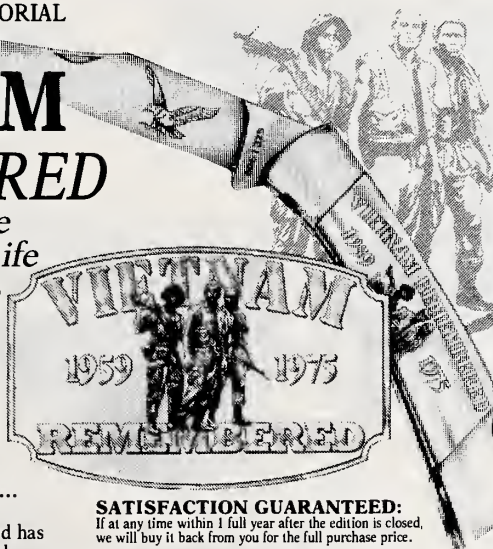
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HUNTING

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tury America. During this period, the number of passenger pigeons went from billions to zero, millions of bison were pointlessly slaughtered, and many other wild populations plummeted.

But this unregulated (and often profit-motivated) destruction was not sport hunting. In fact, sport hunters finally petitioned state and federal governments to curb the carnage. At the insistence of recreational hunters, the states began in the late 1800s to require hunting licenses, set seasons and bag limits, and to hire game wardens.

But hunters didn't stop there. In 1937, they took the unprecedented step of asking the government to tax them and to use the money to manage wildlife. The result was the Pittman-Robertson Act, which currently levies an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and a 10 percent tax on handguns and archery equipment. These self-induced taxes annually earn nearly \$150 million—a whopping \$2 billion to date. The money is

returned to the states to fund habitat restoration, wildlife enhancement projects and research.

Hunters also pay \$345 million annually in state license fees, which fund most game and non-game state wildlife programs. In addition, waterfowl hunters must annually purchase a federal "duck stamp" which costs \$15. Since this program began in 1934, waterfowlers have contributed about \$400 million, enough to preserve 4 million acres of wetlands. Sportsmen also donate \$270 million annually for projects to improve wildlife habitat on private land. Said Chris Dolnack, communications coordinator for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, "From the very beginning, hunters have carried the ball and paid the bills for wildlife."

So, while anti-hunters are spending an estimated \$90 million this year in an emotional propaganda war that does nothing for wildlife, hunters will be quietly contributing more than \$500 million for habitat acquisition, research and wildlife management. If anti-hunters really wanted to support wildlife, they would join sportsmen's clubs and buy hunting licenses and duck stamps. Hunters also provide a big boost to the economy, spending \$28 billion annu-

ally on equipment and trips.

Invariably, sportsmen's dollars benefit lots of un hunted wildlife species—and plenty of non-hunters. Restoring a waterfowl marsh, for example, creates habitat for muskrats, mink, herons, eagles and a choir of songbirds. Woodlots purchased for deer production also become home to porcupines, owls, chipmunks and other animals. On most lands purchased or preserved with sportsmen's money, hikers, bird watchers, picnickers, photographers and campers greatly outnumber hunters.

Hunters also provide—free of charge—some valuable wildlife management services. First, they furnish the thousands of animal specimens that biologists need to study everything from parasites to population dynamics. In some cases, they also replace the large predators—such as wolves and cougars—that no longer exist in most areas. Without natural enemies, some wild species—such as deer—can multiply beyond the capacity of the habitat.

The WLFA estimates that there are about 12.5 million confirmed anti-hunters in the United States and about twice that many hunters. But most Americans belong to neither group. What do they think of anti-hunting movement? This past summer, a Gallup Poll found only 21 percent of Americans favor a ban on hunting, and only 9 percent support the tactic of harassing hunters in the field.

Despite the public's overwhelming support of hunting, threats to this American tradition continue. In 1989 alone, more than 150 anti-hunting bills were introduced in state legislatures, and more will follow this year. In California, New York, Ohio and other states, anti-hunters already have succeeded in banning or curtailing some kinds of hunting, and federal anti-hunting proposals are surfacing. "The threat is very, very serious," Story said.

There are three things you can do to help save hunting. First, tell your state and federal legislators that you value the American tradition of hunting and its benefits for wildlife.

Second, join one or more of the conservation organizations that recognize hunting's important role, and refrain from helping those groups that want to eliminate hunting. Become active in a local sportsmen's club—even if you don't hunt.

Third—and perhaps most important—take a youngster or two hunting. Someday, hunting's fate may rest with them, and it will be good that they've experienced this treasured American heritage firsthand. □

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perhaps the only place to find genuine Marxists in 1991 is in Beijing, China, and American universities. It is the wonder of the world.

In 1983, Bertell Ollman, a leading Marxist academic boasted that "a Marxist cultural revolution is taking place today in America's universities." The evidence suggests that he was not exaggerating. When literary critic Hilton Kramer visited a convention of literary scholars, he found that "it was more or less taken for granted that revolution on one or another Marxist model was a good thing." At Duke University, Professor Frederic Jameson openly declares his intention to "create a Marxist culture in this country, to make Marxism an unavoidable presence in American social, cultural and intellectual life.

The persistence of Marxism in the universities naturally effects what happens in the classroom. At Dartmouth College, students in the Women's

Studies program continue to be assigned books like *Capitalist Patriarchy and the Case for Socialist Feminism*, and Communist Party activist Angela Davis' *Women, Race and Class*. Dartmouth chose Davis, winner of the Lenin Prize, to deliver the keynote speech at its celebration of 10 years of co-education.

Interestingly, the collapse of communism in eastern Europe has not embarrassed this country's academic Marxists. In fact, one professor at the University of Massachusetts declares that it will revitalize leftist scholarship because the fallen regimes have been an albatross around the necks of leftist professors in American universities.

Even as the world increasingly looks to the United States for moral and intellectual leadership and people from Budapest to Beijing turn to the traditions of the West for guidance, those same traditions are under relentless attack in America's own universities.

It is important to understand the true nature of the loss. American universities are not turning out cadres of young Marxists. In a reversal of the situation of the 1960s, today's students are far more conservative than their professors. In my experience, few of

them are taken in by politicized classes; most students simply know better. But the real measure of the damage is what those students do not learn.

Too many of our college graduates are victims of a new form of cultural amnesia. Too many graduate in ignorance of the values, history and traditions of their own nation, except for a vague sense that America is a racist, sexist and imperialist country. At many Ivy League colleges it is possible to graduate without ever reading Monroe, Madison or Jefferson, or the Constitution; without ever studying Western philosophers or the Founding Fathers. They are dismissed as dead, white males. They are deconstructed (to use one of the trendiest terms). But not read.

This is not going to change until we find a way to return sanity to higher education. This means eliminating propagandistic courses; returning to a core curriculum that teaches the history and thought of the West; restoring academic fairness, tolerance and free speech; and rebuilding the university as a temple of learning, rather than as a platform for radical politics. None of this will be easy. But the stakes are far too high not to try. □

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GUN CONTROL

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"unenlightened" public opposition to "expert"-guided social-engineering efforts. The tactics employed by the gun controllers certainly reflect an incredible urban upper-middle-class ignorance concerning firearms or an elitist willingness to misinform and disinform. Gun-control activist Josh Sugarmann illustrates these tendencies through his 1988 report, "Assault Weapons and Accessories in America."

Consider his comments concerning the basis for his optimism that restrictions will be placed on the civilian possession of these semi-automatics:

"The weapons' menacing looks, coupled with the public's confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semi-automatic assault weapons—anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun—can only increase the chance of public support for restrictions on these weapons. In addition, few people can envision a practical use for these weapons."

What are we to make of gun-control efforts that can gain public support only

if the public is confused over what is being controlled? Yet the tactic works, and the demon-gun myth concocted by Sugarmann and other gun-control activists has, with the help of sympathetic and uncritical entertainment as well as news media, shaped the public's perception of "assault weapons" and encouraged numerous knee-jerk politicians at local, state and federal levels of government to propose (and in some cases, enact) restrictions on the civilian possession of semi-automatics.

An even more audacious media-assisted myth-making effort turned Teflon-coated bullets capable of penetrating police body armor into "cop-killer" bullets, even though these bullets were developed for the police, were not available to the public, and have been around for a quarter of a century without ever penetrating body armor to kill a policeman. And of course, we have all heard of "Saturday night specials," described as small, easily concealed, inexpensive handguns that are somehow deadly in the hands of criminals but completely useless to honest folks for defense against criminals.

As gun-control activists fashion any given demon-gun myth, they and their sympathizers in the media, politics and the police bureaucracy call for civilian

possession of that item to be restricted (anything from waiting periods and background checks for purchase to complete bans) on the grounds that:

- It is the "weapon of choice" of criminals or terrorists.
- It has no sporting use.
- For the preceding reasons, police support these restrictions.

Critics of such proposals are dismissed as self-serving or irresponsible, and find it impossible to engage the mythmakers in ongoing public debate through the media. Consequently, the public is not likely to get information such as the following. According to a commission established by the Florida legislature, only 0.1 percent of the firearms used to commit crimes in that drug-war state in the period 1986-89 were semi-automatic versions of assault rifles. According to the FBI, of the more than 800 police officers killed during the 1980s, only 12 were killed with semi-automatic versions of assault weapons—fewer than were killed with knives or motor vehicles or shotguns.

Americans have traditionally owned military small arms with the full blessing of the Second Amendment and the assistance of the Army's Director of Civilian Marksmanship, which has sold the public millions of surplus military firearms, including semi-automatics, at bargain basement prices—the "sporting" justification for gun ownership is nonsense. According to an ad in the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call*, more than 100,000 police officers have signed a petition opposing federal "assault-weapon" legislation.

But the very fact that anyone takes seriously what police bureaucrats claiming to speak for working policemen have to say about gun control is itself an indication of how successful the gun controllers and their First Amendment-worshipping major media allies, using techniques described in George Orwell's novel, *1984*, have been in undermining the Second Amendment and its safeguard against tyranny. With encouragement from the "enlightened," we have reached the point where the police can go beyond enforcing laws to pressure politicians to restrict gun ownership by law-abiding citizens. When tens of millions of law-abiding gun owners and potential gun owners are affected by legislation supposedly aimed at controlling tens of thousands of law violators who kill with guns during any given year, we are dealing with people control, not crime control. In that direction lies a police state—something against which the Second Amendment protects us. ☐

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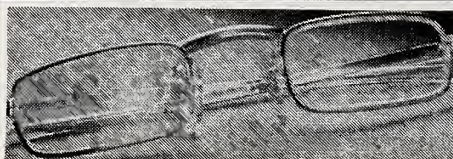
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NATO

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So the East-West signposts are out: using the alliance to develop through the CSCE and others for a new political, economic and security patterns which may reach toward Pierre Harmel's northern hemisphere peace consortium. The worsening Soviet situation since these meetings, however, poses an immediate dilemma: Should the West work to save Gorbachev's regime and perestroika? Or should we let events take their course and hope for the more-or-less peaceful development of a loose confederation of independent Republics in the USSR?

After having spent some 4 trillion dollars to contain the Soviet Union militarily during the Cold War, the U.S. has a vital stake in an orderly Soviet evolution that does not lead to the Balkanization, let alone the Lebanonization of this world heartland. It will still possess tens of thousands of nuclear warheads; and the West needs a strong enough central government in the USSR to control them and to implement arms control accords. Given that stake, and despite its budget deficits, the U.S. ought to be able to muster the few billions needed to give credits for Soviet purchase of food and essential capital and consumer goods to buy time for perestroika to work. Some allies are already doing so. In the long term, what happens in the Soviet Union is likely to be of far greater importance to the world's future than current events in the Persian Gulf.

Getting alliance and Soviet support against Iraq was on the hidden agenda

of the CSCE Summit in Paris and was largely achieved. That issue also was on the formal agenda of the ATA, especially in its military dimensions; but the opinion about diplomatic options and sanctions versus military action was as divided in Paris as at the congressional hearings in Washington a few weeks later. It is precisely on such "out of area" problems (i.e. those outside the North Atlantic Treaty's geographic scope) that the signposts to the alliance's future are obscure. For now, Iraq's transgressions are under United Nations jurisdiction, and NATO as such has no formal role. But there will be other Middle East and Third World dangers after this one is over.

Europeans are trying to build not only a single economy ("Europe 92"), but also a political union having some defense responsibilities as well. There is already a Western European Union for defense, but it has had little to do, beyond some recent coordination of European naval contributions in the Gulf. As yet, the European Community has been unable to articulate much of a "European" foreign policy.

The tension between European and "Atlantic" entities and functions, which is an old story, has intensified. Ultimately, if and as Europe progresses

toward true unity, the Atlantic Alliance may become an arch linking North America to "Europa" and specifically to a European defense entity. But even if that framework were to encompass the Harmel vision of a northern hemisphere consortium, it could hardly re-establish colonial or even "condominium" relationships with the struggling countries of the South.

For any acceptable global security and rule of law, there is no alternative but the United Nations, which at last has a functioning Security Council, possibly supplemented by "regional United Nations." But until a more orderly world emerges, there seems little choice but for the U.S. and other Western nations to provide the present U.N. with the leadership and muscle to back up its decisions.

For that purpose, NATO's formal geography should be extended at least to the oil-critical Middle East—provided that it would act there only as an agent for the U.N. But this would be controversial and it would find opponents among the "Europeanists" who attended the Paris gatherings. The Cold War is over, for better or worse; and our task is to make sure it is far the better. In a brave new world, both boldness and imagination will be essential. □

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By Anthony Miller

COMMENTARY

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techniques to spur black adoptions, One Church established formal ties with a network of ministers and successfully delivered the power and energy of the black church to the once insuperable problem of finding homes for parentless black children. The program is credited with a dramatic reduction in the numbers of black children awaiting adoption in Illinois, from 1,310 in 1980 to 196 in 1989.

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STATE OF GEORGIA: ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

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SHAKER HEIGHTS' RACIAL INTEGRATION INCENTIVES

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In Fiscal Year 1988, state and local governments raised and spent \$827 billion and employed 14.4 million workers. If all 14.4 million of those workers, or even a significant fraction of them, were as innovative as the men and women in the eight projects I wrote about, that \$827 billion of our money would be going a lot further than it does. Sad to say, they are not.

Why not? One clue lies in the way we pursue government reform in this country. More often than not, the reformers' answer to anything bad that happened in the public sector—from simple mistakes to deep corruption—has been to make sure it never happens again by passing a law forbidding this or that form of behavior. This is how red tape is manufactured. The net result has been to take discretion completely away from public officials, to tie their hands when it comes to dealing with the kinds of serious human and social problems represented in these eight cases.

It may make us feel righteous, especially since it is done in the name of holding government accountable to the governed, but it doesn't work. Mistakes and scandals continue to happen. Government may be accountable, but who wants an accountable government that cannot tie its own shoelaces?

But that is not nearly as important as what is not happening: the intelligent solution of the problems that beset us; the efficient, effective spending of that \$827 billion each year.

Another reason why the public work force is not innovative is because they are not trained to be. In keeping with our reform ethic, they are trained to go by the book. Even many schools of public administration teach by examining case studies of failure, to find out what went wrong. Significantly, business administration students do exactly the opposite: examine successful firms to find out what went right. It doesn't take long for the future city manager or department head to get the message:

Success lies in keeping your head down, covering your behind, and not making anybody mad.

None of the eight innovators I studied accepted that message. Traits they have in common include tenacity, commitment, inquisitiveness, deep knowledge of their field, optimism, concern for their clients, cooperativeness and a sense of social responsibility. In short, they are nearly ideal employees.

I would like to convince you that these men and women are the wave of the future in American government. I would like to believe it myself. But it isn't that easy, for nothing good is

inevitable or automatic in a democracy. It always comes with a price tag.

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families. From many communities nationwide, support groups for families have been organized through the Family Support Network.

"What has been most impressive is the people who have called the network, not asking for help, but offering help," Mullen said. "There's been a lawn service in Tampa, Fla., and a psychiatric service, too. The spirit of helpfulness has been overwhelming."

Posts that haven't been called to help families can participate in the Family Support Network by contacting local military installations and volunteer to assist as needed; encourage local media to publicize the Family Support Network's toll-free telephone number, **1-800-786-0901**; or Posts can create other programs to support the troops deployed in Operation Desert Storm, like several Posts and Departments have already done.

For example, Post 138 of Olive Hill, Ky., collected 24 packages, worth about \$50 each, for U.S. troops sent overseas from Carter County, Ky. Post 26 of Mountain Home, Idaho, raised more than \$18,000 to mail more than 500 "care" packages to troops in Saudi Arabia. And the Department of Kentucky helped establish the Family Assistance Program, Operation Desert Shield, which provided baskets of food to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Funds for the program were donated by Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units and SAL Squadrons, and money from the program was also used to provide assistance to families who have not received payroll allotments.

Acknowledging the Legion's support of U.S. troops, in a hand-written letter to the National Adjutant, Maj. Gen. William G. Pagonis, director of logistics for the Army in Saudi Arabia, wrote, "Your efforts are appreciated by my troops, and they won't let anyone down as their forefathers did not!"

Individual Legionnaires can also support the Family Support Network by contributing to the Family Support Network Fund, P.O. Box 1817, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

"Some families are suffering in worse conditions than the troops in the Saudi desert," Turner said. "At least the troops have shelter and know where their next meal is coming from. Some families back home don't." ☐

OPINIONS

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advantage of the line-item veto power, but Congress will still have the power to override by a two-thirds vote, as the Constitution provides. Arguments that such power in the hands of the President would damage our form of government is simply irresponsible and fictive at best.

*John J. Evans
Port Orange, Fla.*

In almost every meeting, Congress slips in a bill that costs a lot of money and is of no benefit to the country as a whole, and either the President has to sign that bill to get the pertinent parts through or he has to veto it. If he signs the bill, then we have extra spending coming through on some congressman's pet project. This is only helping the wealthy and the big manufacturers. If the President has the line-item veto, he will be able to exclude those pet projects.

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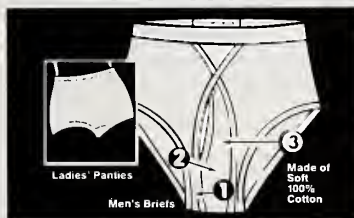
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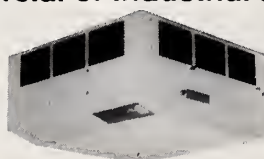
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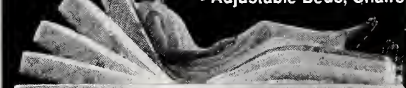
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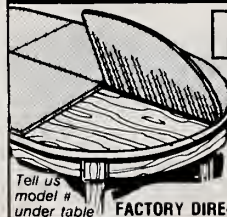
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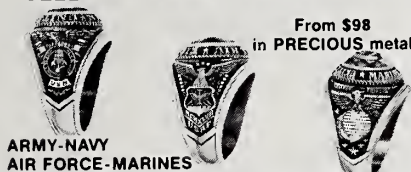
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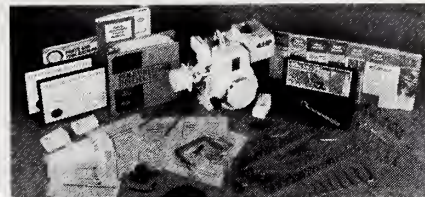
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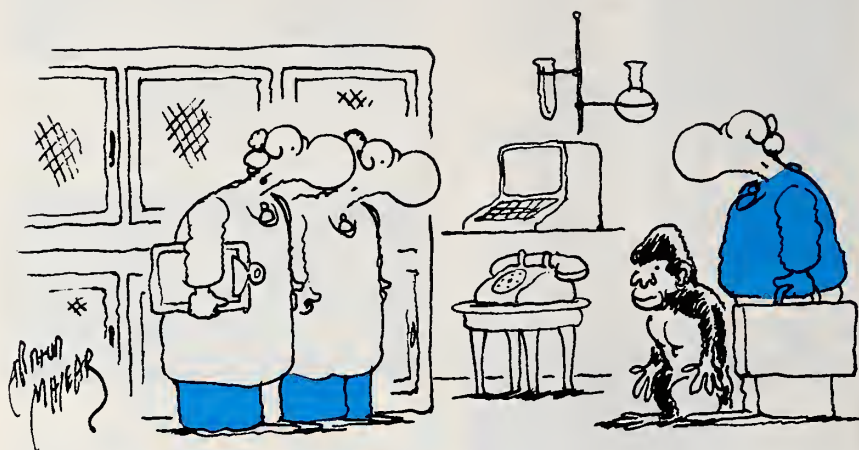


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Wildlife Preserve

"My kids keep insisting we have to clean up the environment," said one frazzled mother. "I wish they'd start with their bedrooms."

Fuel Future

A scientist had just invented a time machine, and his assistant asked, "Where will you go first, professor? The Renaissance? The American Revolution?"

"Heck, no," replied the scientist, as he lugged several metal containers into the craft. "I'm going back to when gas was 30 cents a gallon."

Depre\$\$ion

"All this talk about the economy is beginning to depress me," said one man to another. "I'm losing the will to live beyond my means."

Hammer Heads

Why is it that every time Congress hammers out a budget, we're the ones who get nailed?

Boxing Briefs

Defeated boxing champ James "Buster" Douglas earned \$22 million for seven minutes of work. What does he think he is, a lawyer?

Plastic Power

"I wish they'd stop looking for alternate energy sources," a man said to a gas station attendant. "I don't have room in my wallet for any more credit cards."

Head Start Home

"I've lived in my house for 34 years," said one neighbor to another. "I've landscaped it, expanded it, and raised three children there. So you can imagine how upsetting it is when prospective buyers refer to it as a 'starter home.'"

Salt And Prayer

"I just noticed something," said the husband who fancied himself a cook. "My family only prays before meals when I do the cooking."

Tax Assault

"I take everything Congress says with a grain of salt," said one taxpayer. "So watch, now they'll pass a salt tax."

Recessed And Depressed

Here's the difference between recession and a depression: A recession is when the economy starts crumbling, and a depression is when everybody realizes it.

Pharmacy Phunny

These days, doctors can prescribe wonder drugs. They're so expensive, you wonder how you'll afford them.

Dollar Squalor

A lot of stores are having two-for-one sales. For every two dollars you spend, you get one dollar's value.

Second Aid

"Doctor, doctor, can you cure me?"
"Not on your salary, I can't," the doctor replied.

Water Full

"I used to operate a hydroelectric plant," said the retiree. "But it was one 'dammed' thing after another."

Taxing Admiration

You have to admire rich people for not squandering their money on taxes.

Family Planning

"Every now and then," a husband said, "we sit down with the children and try to decide if we should start a family."



"Son, your mother wants me to have a talk with you about the facts of life. Want to fill me in?"

REMEMBER WHEN YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT EQUALITY?

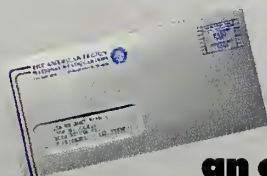


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